Veterinarian Job Description

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Examine animals using diagnostic equipment such as X-ray, CT scanner to identify the cause of an illness
- Prescribe medications, administer inoculations, and perform surgeries to treat animal health condition
- Proffer recommendations to animal owners on ways to feed, clean, and care for animals to promote their health
- Neuter animals through spaying operation to prevent them from having offspring
- Immunize animals to protect them against various diseases
- Visit farms or pet houses to assess the living condition of animals and make necessary recommendations for improved health
- Inspect animal food products to ensure they are fit for human consumption
- Liaise with other veterinarians and animal care professionals to develop effective treatment plan for animals
- Insert identification microchips and provide appropriate paperwork for animals
- Collect and examine blood, urine, feces, and tissue samples during diagnosis
- Realign broken animal bones and apply splints or casts to immobilize a fracture
- Educate the public on ways to avoid diseases that spread from animals to man
- Guide and direct the activities of veterinarian assistants and technicians
- Execute quarantine processes to prevent spread of disease from an animal to others
- Monitor foods animal consume to ensure they are safe and beneficial to health.

Veterinarian Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- Education and Training: To become a veterinarian, you require a doctorate degree in veterinary medicine. Usually, a Bachelor's degree is prerequisite for entry into a vet. medicine program. Veterinarians are required to pass a licensing exam, and complete a one-year internship and three-year residency in specific field of practice
- Manual Dexterity: Veterinarians are able to use various medical instruments to treat animal injuries and perform surgeries
- Problem-solving Skill: They are able to implement treatment plans and effective in addressing animal health problems
- Decision-making Skill: They are able to determine the best course of treatment for different kinds of ailments.