



## What can I do with a major in ANIMAL HEALTH (Pre-Vet)?

The University of Georgia Career Center

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**\*\*\*The information below describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand that you are not limited to these options alone when choosing a possible career path.\*\*\***

### Description of Major

The degree program was designed in close cooperation with the College of Veterinary Medicine, specifically for students entering veterinary school after three years of pre-veterinary study in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Students who enter the College of Veterinary Medicine upon completion of the degree requirements are eligible to receive the B.S.A. degree with a major in animal health only after successfully completing the first year of study in the College of Veterinary Medicine. Alternatively, students may also use the senior year to complete requirements for a B.S.A. degree in an appropriate major in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

### Career Center Library Resources for Animal Health Majors

*Careers in Focus: Animal Care - 2nd Edition* by Ferguson

*2004 Federal Employment from A to Z* by Federal Research Service

*2004 Regional Life Science Employment Directory* by Peak Publishing

*Agricultural Research: Solving Problems for the Growing World* by U.S. Department of Agriculture

*Opportunities in Animal and Pet Care Careers* by Lee, Mary Price & Lee, Richard S.

### Campus Resources

**College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences:** <http://www.caes.uga.edu>

**Clubs & Organizations:** <http://www.caes.uga.edu/academics/organizations.html>

Block and Bridle Club

UGA Equestrian Club

Poultry Science Club

UGA Cattlemen's Association

Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club

UGA Judging Teams

UGA Horsemen's Association

Dairy Science Club

### Strategies

- Become active in pre-vet, related clubs, and competition teams.
- Become familiar with federal job application procedure for government work.
- Consider working as a Veterinary Technician.
- Develop physical stamina, outdoor skills and comfort being in close proximity with large and small animals.
- Exercise close attention to detail.
- Gain experience through volunteer positions, part-time jobs, or summer work.
- Gain extensive laboratory and research experience for research positions.
- Maintain an excellent grade point average. Secure strong recommendations from professors.
- Practice strong interpersonal skills.
- Research veterinary programs, take courses to meet veterinary school requirements, and prepare for application process.

### Additional Resources

**Animal Health Institute:** <http://www.ahi.org/>

**Institute for Animal Health:** <http://www.iah.bbsrc.ac.uk/>

**American Society of Animal Science:** <http://www.asas.org/>

**Agriculture Online:** <http://www.agriculture.com>

**The American Veterinary Medicine Association:** <http://www.avma.org/>

**US Food and Drug Administration, Center for Veterinary Medicine:** <http://www.fda.gov/cvm/default.html>