



# Interview Questions to Ask a Veterinarian

Suggested Grade Level 4

<b>Objective</b>	The students create a list of questions to ask a bovine veterinarian about his/her job and questions that a farmer or rancher might ask a bovine veterinarian about a sick cow. More questions could include those that students might ask a neighborhood veterinarian about local animals.
<b>Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AVMA poster</li> <li>• Internet access</li> </ul>

<p><b>Procedure</b></p> <p><b>National Standards:</b></p> <p><b>Language Arts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research and questions</li> <li>• Data collection</li> </ul> <p><b>Science</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scientific inquiry</li> <li>• Life cycles of organisms</li> <li>• Organisms &amp; environments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The teacher describes what an interview is and how it is structured. (Interviews are conducted to gain information, share opinions, and explore ideas. Interviewers must research the topic being discussed and create a set of questions to ask.) The teacher demonstrates an interview with a student on a topic the student enjoys (sports, hobbies, playing an instrument, etc.).</li> <li>• The teacher shares information about veterinarians who work with cattle and asks students to write down the questions they may want to ask a veterinarian to learn more about what they do.</li> <li>• Ask students to access one or more of the following:  <a href="http://www.ext.vt.edu/news/periodicals/livestock/aps-98_02/aps-881.html">www.ext.vt.edu/news/periodicals/livestock/aps-98_02/aps-881.html</a>  <a href="http://www.ffa.org/">www.ffa.org/</a>  <a href="http://www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/virtualfarm/main.html">www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/virtualfarm/main.html</a>            Have students search for information about veterinarians and write down some facts about their life and work.</li> <li>• Now ask students to imagine they are a dairy farmer or cattle rancher. One of your cows is sick and the veterinarian has come to help. What questions do you want to ask the veterinarian?</li> <li>• Next, imagine that it is not just one of your cows that is sick but many of your cows. Do the questions you want to ask change? Why or why not? Compare questions with a partner.</li> <li>• Finally, ask students, "If you could interview a local veterinarian about pets or local animals in the community, what questions would you ask?"</li> </ul>
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<b>Ideas to extend this lesson</b>	Invite a veterinarian to visit the class. If your school is in a suburban or rural area, there may be a veterinarian who treats pets <u>and</u> cows or horses. Have the students vote on which of their questions they will ask the visiting veterinarian. Tell the students to make notes summarizing the veterinarian's responses and later discuss how this interview succeeded or failed to provide all the information the students hoped to gain.
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