



THE VETERINARY PROFESSION



BY THE NUMBERS – 2023

2,280	2,485	598	~290
registered veterinarians	registered veterinary technologists (RVTs)	veterinary practice entities	rural practices

10,211 full-time positions generated by veterinary medicine in Alberta

DID YOU KNOW?

The ABVMA and the ABVTA support and work together with veterinarians and RVTs to safeguard animal health and welfare in both pets and livestock in Alberta.

- Veterinarians are doctors of animal health who went to university for a minimum of six years.
- Veterinary technologists attend a college diploma program for at least two years.

EDUCATION

A student interested in the veterinary profession should take science courses in high school and speak with their guidance counsellor.

Alberta has our own veterinary college:

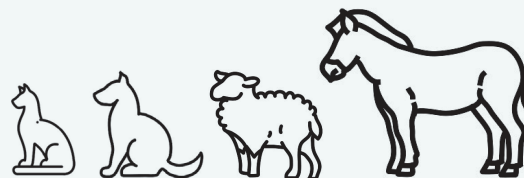
- **University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine**

Alberta has several veterinary technology programs:

- **Northwestern Polytechnic**
- **NAIT**
- **Lakeland College**
- **Olds College**



Veterinary professionals can provide medical and surgical care for animals.



Veterinary professionals work in many different types of practices, including small animal (cats, dogs and other pets), food producing animal (cattle, pigs, poultry, sheep, etc.), exotic animal, emergency and specialty practices.



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