



## PREPARE FOR THE INTERVIEW

### Interview Topics

Be prepared to answer interview questions based on experiences gained in part-time jobs, volunteer opportunities, undergraduate internships, externships, academics and clubs that align with interview topics and the job description.

- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Cultural Diversity
- Client Service
- Work Ethic
- A Difficult Co-Worker/Client
- Problem Solving
- Failed Task
- Tough Decision

### Common Interview Questions

1. Why did you decide to become a veterinarian?
2. What does excellent client service mean to you?
3. What motivates you?
4. How do you handle stress?
5. How do you feel about euthanasia?
6. How would you handle a situation where the client couldn't pay for the services needed?
7. What are your short and long-term goals?
8. If you can't figure out a diagnosis, what would you do?
9. What special skills would you bring to our practice?
10. What is your greatest strength and weakness?
11. If I were to ask one of your professors or a boss to describe you, what would they say?
12. How do you feel about working overtime?
13. What are your salary expectations?
14. What do you do in your free time?
15. Why do you want to work for us?
16. Why should we hire you?

**“Tell me about yourself”** is a very common interview question that you should be ready to answer. Think about these items when formulating your “spiel”:

- Introduce yourself.
- Talk about your current student status, what species you are interested in, and your passion for veterinary medicine.
- Briefly describe your work experience.
- Touch on your extracurricular activities (club leadership roles) and/or something you've accomplished or excel at that directly relates to the position.
- Mention why you are interested in the practice/position.

*Remember to keep your answer short and concise.*

### Questions to ask an employer

- What do you like the best about your job/the practice?
- What does a typical day look like? Number of appointments, length, type, etc.?
- What does mentorship mean to you and how is it approached?
- What is the most important expectation for this position?
- What is the practice's mission or core values?
- How do you approach clients who can't afford essential medical care?
- Are there opportunities for professional growth or continuing education?
- What challenges is the practice currently facing?
- Where would you like to see the practice grow and improve?
- What are the next steps in the hiring process?
- Will there be a working interview?