Possible Questions during an Interview for Veterinary College

1. Describe yourself
2. What are some of your flaws?
3. Tell me about your research
4. Donate to a charity
5. If you didn’t get into vet school what else would you want to do?
6. Why do you want to be a vet?
7. What is a situation where a problem was sprung upon you and how did you deal with it?
8. How do you feel about the use of live animals in vet school or in various other kinds of research?
9. How do you feel about ear docking?
10. What would you do if you saw a colleague making a mistake
11. Do you have the right not to treat an animal?
12. What do you do if you think the animal you are treating has been abused?
13. What is the difference between animal rights and animal welfare?
14. Asked questions related to overpopulation of women in veterinary medicine, or overpopulation of vets in general.
15. How do you deal with stress, how do you relax, who do you turn to if you're stressed?
16. If you simply can't get everything done what do you do?
17. What is the starting salary for vets? What is the salary range for vets?
18. What other kinds of jobs can you get as a veterinarian?
19. Can you pay for this?
20. What do you see yourself doing in 5, 10, 20 years?
21. What is the most challenging class you've ever had and why?
22. Out of your vet experience, what is the most difficult situation you have faced and how did you deal with it?
23. What kind of books do you like to read and why?
24. How do you feel about the use of animals in research?
25. How do you feel about livestock vs. wildlife grazing?
26. Tell me about the appealing/non-appealing parts of veterinary medicine
27. How much time do you spend studying?
28. If you were tied with one other person for the last spot, what would you tell me to convince me that I should pick you over the other person?
29. What class that you've take do you think will help you the most in vet school? Why?
30. What job opportunities are there for vets other than private practice?
31. Should people be allowed to own exotic species?
32. Who should you call if you think the animal you are treating may have been abused?
   What legal avenues can the vet pursue if any?
33. What are your specific goals in veterinary medicine?
34. Do you think your grades are a good indication of your academic ability?
35. What are your plans if you do not get accepted?
36. Why did you apply to this particular school?
37. What do you intend to gain from a veterinary education?
38. What motivated you to pursue your career goals?
39. What do you consider to be your greatest strengths and weaknesses?
40. How would you describe yourself?
41. What aspects of your life’s experiences do you think make you a good candidate for vet school?
42. In what ways do you think you can make a contribution to veterinary medicine?
43. What two or three accomplishments have given you the most satisfaction? Why?
44. What college subjects did you like best/least? Why?
45. What have you learned from participation in extracurricular activities?
46. What do you do in your spare time?
47. Would you practice in the rural areas? Why?/why not?
48. What do you think are the most pressing issues in veterinary medicine today?
49. Explain the vaccination protocols used for cats at the clinic where you worked.
50. Why did you choose ______ major for undergrad?
51. Describe the most interesting/memorable case from your experience (at a small animal and large animal practice)?
52. Where do I see myself 5 years from now? Ten years from now?
53. How do you de-stress?
54. How would you want to be ranked in the class of ___ students? Are you competitive?
55. What have you been doing since you submitted your application?
56. What were the most rewarding and most difficult experiences you’ve had in vet med?
57. What are some of the qualities of a good veterinarian?
58. Name a time when you had to overcome a particular challenge in your life.
59. Why don’t they do the genetic breed test on purebred dogs?
60. How long have you known you wanted to be a vet?
61. Do you have any pets?
62. How would I handle techs at the VMTH doing things differently than I am used to?
63. What would I do if I noticed a student cheating?
64. How do I feel about the first two years being primarily core classes?
65. How do you feel about animals being used in research?
66. Are you ready to handle vet school?
67. Tell us pro’s and con’s of all the areas of animal experience you have had.
68. Would you be interested in learning about food animal medicine?
69. How do you feel about acupuncture and alternative medicines?
70. Tell us about a time where you had to handle a difficult client
71. How will you avoid burnout?
72. What is the role of the veterinarian in society?
73. What makes you think you would be a good candidate for emergency or critical care?
74. What was my best and worst animal experience?
75. How do you feel about dog breed bans?
76. How will you adjust to being just one of many students again? (I've been out of school for a number of years)
77. If you were to get a dog, what kind would you get?
78. Would you implant “neuticles” on a castrated dog?
79. How are you going to deal with industry values differing from what you value as a vet?
80. What will I do if I encounter difficulties in my studies?
81. What motivated you to switch careers?
82. Why should we select you over someone else?
83. How would I handle a client that did not want to euthanize their pet that was obviously suffering?
84. If some clients came in with a dog that had been hit by a car, but they had no money, what would you do? What would you say to them? They have really bad credit. The little girl is crying...
85. Hectic day in the clinic, two horses are crashing and you give one of them the wrong medication, which causes his death. What do you do?
86. Your bread-and-butter client wants you to inject alcohol into the tail of his horse. Would you do it?
87. Would you treat a sick, but illegally owned ferret?
88. What would you do if a client came into your office and told you that they were moving out of state and couldn’t take their cat so they wanted to euthanize the cat? ADOPTION IS NOT AN OPTION.
89. An ethical question involving what I would do as a zoological vet in response to a situation like the tiger escape at the San Francisco Zoo?
90. Ethical question regarding euthanasia of a healthy animal. But what if a person who wants to euthanize his healthy dog doesn’t listen to any of your suggestions and says he will go shoot the dog unless you agree to euthanize?
91. An ethical question involving staff euthanizing the wrong animal.
92. You are working with a resident who made a mistake with a patient and tells you not to report it so that he doesn’t get in trouble. What do you do and why?
93. What is one weakness in your application?
94. Why did you get a low grade in this class?
95. Why do you think physics was a pre-req? Is it important at all in vet med?
96. What are some interests you have outside of veterinary medicine?
97. Name something you learned from a vet you worked that you either liked or didn’t like.
98. An owner has a purebred horse, but it has a little spot of white fur that is not typical of the breed. He asks that you remove the skin and put a patch of brown fur in its place. Do you do it?
99. Pretend I am an owner that doesn’t want to spay or neuter their animal. Try to convince me otherwise.