

Role. Apart from treating animals, veterinary doctors sensitise people about the best animal husbandry practices, including how to clean them, the best feeds and shelter.

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Veterinarians key in protecting health of animals and people

Veterinarians play a crucial role in promoting animal welfare as well as protecting human health.

Veterinarians diagnose and control animal diseases, treat sick and injured animals. They also advise owners on proper care of their pets and livestock.

In order to become a professional veterinarian, one should be trained by accredited institutions and licenced by the authorities to operate and treat animals.

Veterinarians should have veterinary clinics where they conduct general checkups on the animals before they can prescribe treatment.

According to experts, people should know that if it wasn't the work of veterinarians, many would be unhealthy because they would be consuming unsafe food and other animal products.

Veterinary doctors treat animals and also conduct tests on animals that are slaughtered to ensure that they are safe for human consumption.

Mr Denis Emasit, a veterinary



Ticks are the main cause of losses in livestock. Spray is one of the recommended practices to fight ticks.

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tack animals to know which kind of treatment they can give to animals.

Mr Nelson Wanyama, a veterinary doctor, says vets are passionate about their work since it also involves protecting human beings.

"Animals are like human beings, they too, feel pain and exhibit signs and symptoms when they fall sick," Ms Wanyama says.

He says they investigate human and animal disease outbreaks such as rabies, influenza and food borne diseases.

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Mr Wanyama cautions people not to buy meat that has been slaughtered outside abattoir because there are not tested. He advises people to always report those they suspect not to have licenses to carry out veterinary activities to the authorities.

doctor, says veterinary doctors decide on which field to specialise in. Some specialise in making sure that the domesticated animals are well while others ensure that wild animals are healthy.

He says just because some ani-

mals are looked at as being wild and dangerous does not mean they should be neglected because they too are beneficial to the country.

"The disease control starts right from the animals which are vaccinated and once this is done, the

humans are also protected because if the animals are safe, even if they bite you or are slaughtered for consumption, one is safe," Mr Emasit says.

He says veterinary doctors conduct research on diseases that at-



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