

## **Role of a Veterinarian in Wildlife Management**

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A Veterinarian has a very crucial role to play in Wildlife Health Management as well as Wildlife Management in general. There are some direct and some indirect factors which are responsible for the health status of Wildlife in a protected area or any other type of forest area. A Veterinarian is expected to have the understanding of these direct and indirect factors and to take care of them to optimise the health of Wild animals. Various roles which a Veterinarian plays for Wildlife Management are Wildlife Health Management; Wildlife Capture, Rescue & Rehabilitation; Hand raising of Orphaned Young Ones of Wild animals; Necropsy; Dealing with Forensic & Veterolegal issues; Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation; Population Estimation & Control; Translocation Programs; Capacity Building of the forest staff and Public Awareness Campaigns about Zoonotic Diseases to ensure One Health. To conclude, Veterinary services are very important for a holistic Wildlife Management & Wildlife Conservation.

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