



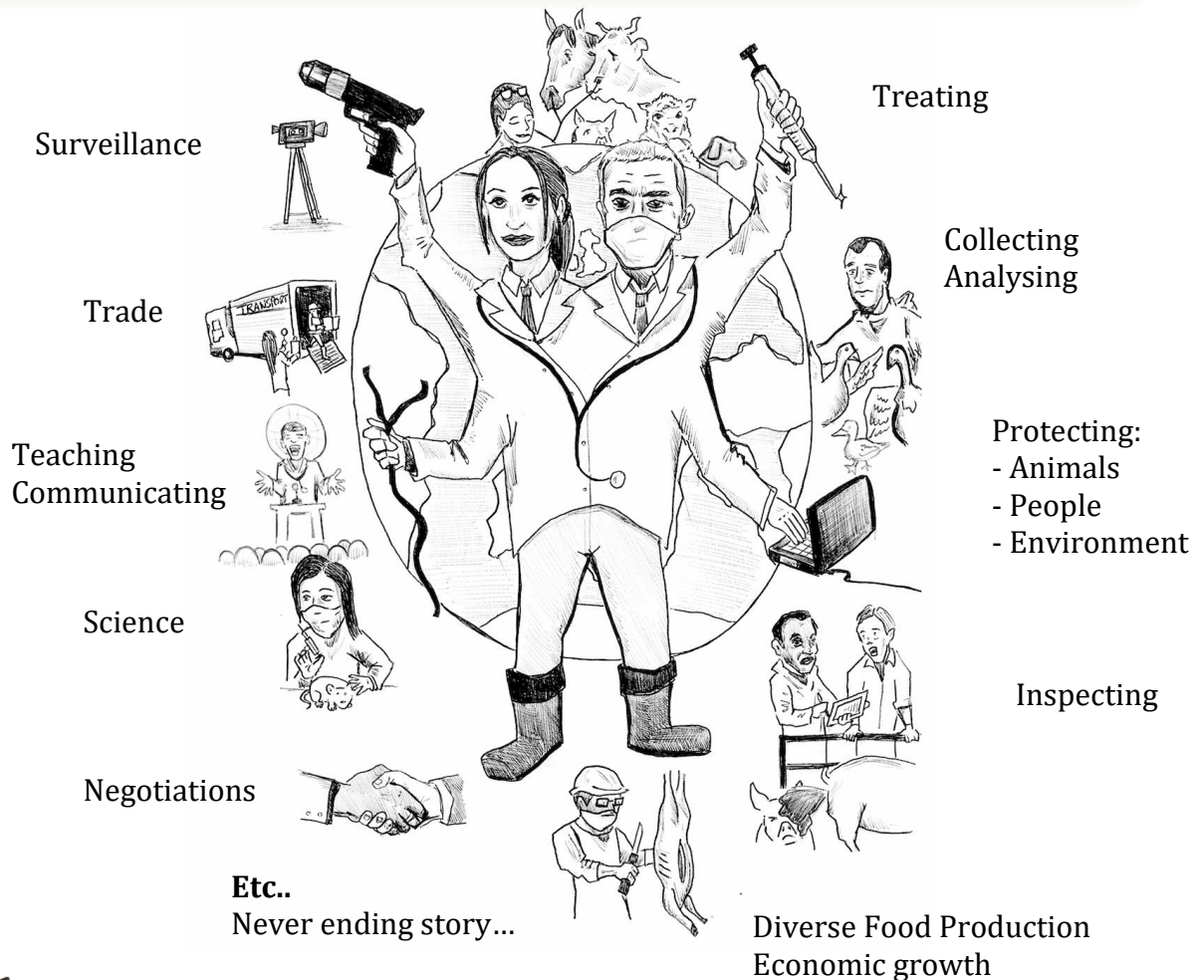
VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

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VPHA's position on Veterinarians' contribution to the wider society

By treating an individual animal or a group of animals both clinical and non-clinical veterinarians, working collaboratively with others, contribute to the well being of animals, people and the environment they live and share in the developing and developed world.

One World=One Health=One Welfare = Veterinary Public Health



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Veterinarians have always been involved with:

- **Negotiating, drafting and upholding** necessary legislation and international standards, including sustainable policy development, implementation, review and risk analysis (risk management, assessment and communication)
- **Global food security** (quantity, quality and safety) and consumer protection
- **Cutting edge science**, discovery and teaching
- **Protecting public health and animal health** by officially controlling diseases relevant to public health and animal health (One Health) and protecting animal welfare. Protection from fraudulent activities
- **Facilitating economic growth** (small & large businesses) through sustainable farm/ food production, trade (certification) of animals and Products of Animal Origin (POAO)
- **Preserving diverse** production (rare breeds, traditional food production)
- **Communicating important messages** to interested parties: *public and animal keepers (food producing and companion), industry (agri-food and others), politicians, civil servants, other scientists/ professions (lawyers, economists, medics, animal scientists, environmentalists, microbiologists, statisticians etc.)*

In a world **without** veterinarians:

- **Animals and people** would suffer increasingly from famine, disease and death
- **The Environment** would see higher levels of pollution
- **Economic growth** would stagnate in many societies with no sustainable agri-food production and trade
- **Some societies** would see a lack of food diversity and cultural damages due to the loss of traditional farming and food production