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# Appendix 3: On the Record: Dr. Shonna Tart

## Part 1

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What vet school did Tart attend?

- a. Auburn University
- b. Tufts University
- c. Purdue University
- d. University of Tennessee



What species of animal did Tart hope to primarily work with?

- a. Cattle
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Which of the following is a challenge of being a rural vet?

- a. Income challenges
- b. Veterinarians are not called for preventative care.
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Describe why being solely a large-animal vet can be difficult.



What are three opportunities that you could take advantage of now, in your school or community, that would prepare you for a career in the animal industry?

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Describe the large-animal veterinary science industry in a way that any of your friends or family could understand.

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## Part 2

### Directions:

When considering the veterinary science field for a career, many begin by thinking you have to be a veterinarian, but there is so much more! Below are a few of the many available careers in the realm of veterinary science. Select three careers of interest by highlighting your choices in green. Once you have made your selections, complete the activities that follow.

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In each box, write one of the careers you selected. Use [AgExplorer.FFA.org](https://AgExplorer.FFA.org) to learn more. Draw icons or emojis that visually describe the function of the career. Then identify the skills needed for the career as well as the overall impact on the animal industry. See the example below to better understand your task.

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**Example: You need to be located in an area that requires preventative care; otherwise producers sell their animals, not needing a veterinarian.**





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- Take animal science/agriculture courses.
- Volunteer or work at a veterinary clinic.
- Be a part of activities that support your goal of being a vet (Example: livestock judging).

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