



MY STORY

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THIS CAREER PATH?

I have always had a passion for animals from a young age and it was either I study to be a veterinarian or an animal scientist.

WHAT DO YOU DO?

1. I oversee and support implementation of the Commodity-Based Trade Protocol for all mobile abattoir operations.
2. Serve as the key liaison with government to secure support and eventual approval of mobile abattoir operations especially in the Kruger FMD Red Zone.
3. Building trusting relationships with farmers who are seeking market access for their livestock.



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WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU OFFER LEARNERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PURSUING THIS CAREER?

1. Research the career so you understand what it is about.
2. Don't be afraid to ask for information and help.
3. Be open to constructive criticism because you learn from one another and that is the only way to grow in industry.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. **Understanding** of animal production and government regulations regarding animal health and red meat regulations are very important.
2. As much as I studied livestock, one needs to know that you interact more with the farmers than the animal itself, so **people skills** is vital: skillful in communicating in a respectful manner, being patient and understanding because many of the communities we work in, such projects are new to them, good listener.
3. **Understanding** of cultural practices and building of trust is very imperative. One needs to also be a good **negotiator** and an **implementor**.

IS THERE
A FUTURE
in this career?

**HUGE
POTENTIAL**

Animal Science is so diverse with new research, developments and technologies arising.



"I knew there were great opportunities for females of color in the industry."

CHALLENGES

"One needs to work hard and remain focused to make your mark in the industry and to be acknowledged as an asset."