Step 1: Background information
You may need to look up background information or definitions of terms to help you understand your topic better. For other background sources, search the Library catalogue.

Veterinary medical encyclopedia
(vetcentric.com)

Veterinary dictionaries
Martindale's the Virtual Veterinary Center
(http://www.martindalecenter.com/Vet_1_Diction.html)

IVIS
International Veterinary Information Service. Free access to original, up-to-date publications organized in electronic books edited by qualified editors.
(http://www.ivis.org/home.asp)

The 5-minute veterinary consult: canine and feline
636.70896 Til 2003 REFERENCE

Step 2 : DVDs, Videos and Movies

Microbiological techniques
Video recording: 576 Mic

Safe handling of some common laboratory animals
Video recording: SF406 .S24

Collection of blood samples in small animals
Video recording: 616.07561 Col

Collection of blood samples in large animals
Video recording: 616.07561 Col

The management of blood samples
Video recording: SF811 .M36

Step 3 : Books

Veterinary laboratory medicine
636.08960756 Ker

Microbiology: a photographic atlas for the laboratory
579.022 Ale
Microbial diseases: a veterinarian's guide to laboratory diagnosis
636.0896904756 Car

Laboratory animal medicine: principles and procedures
636.089 Sir

Ferrets, rabbits, and rodents: clinical medicine and surgery: includes sugar gliders and hedgehogs
636.932 Que

Quality assurance handbook for veterinary laboratories
636.08960756 Bel

Diagnostic cytology and hematology of the dog and cat
SF991 .D5 2008

A guide to hematology in dogs and cats
SF769.5 .R42

Avian & exotic animal haematology & cytology
636.089 Cam

Step 4: Images

The blood vascular system
636.7089101 Blo [CD-ROM]

Fotosearch

Washington State University Image Data Base
Click on search at the bottom of the screen to see a variety of images

Step 5: Magazines and Scientific Articles

To find articles and current research about your topic, use a journal index online at the Guelph library website (see link below). A journal index is similar to the library catalogue. But instead of searching our collection of books in the catalogue, it searches a database where articles from magazines and journals are collected. Look for the ‘Get It’ button or full-text link to read articles online.

Start Here: Journal indexes – select Biology & Life Sciences
http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/resources/journal_articles/

Agricola: a comprehensive index to agricultural and life sciences information. The primary focus is on the United States but there is international information as well.

Biological Sciences: an interdisciplinary database offering abstracts and citations to a wide range of research in biomedicine, biotechnology, zoology and ecology, and some aspects of agriculture and veterinary science.

CABDirect: provides international literature in agriculture, forestry, and allied disciplines, including: animal and crop husbandry, animal and plant breeding, plant protection, genetics, forestry engineering, economics, veterinary medicine, human nutrition and rural development.

Plant Science: contains citations and abstracts of scientific literature on plant science, focussing on all plant scientific aspects, especially pathology, symbiosis, biochemistry, genetics, biotechnology, techniques and environmental biology.
Step 6: Searching the Internet
The term "public websites" refers to sites that can be freely reached through a search engine. Many of the links given above lead you to "invisible web sites" that the library pays for, such as journal databases. Typically, if your professor tells you not to use web sites on an assignment, they are referring to public web sites. When searching, remember to try alternate words for your topic.

Wyeth Animal Health
(http://www.wyethah.ca/index.asp)

Remember the difference reading a webpage online:

Who wrote it? Why? What is it for?

Learning more about evaluation of websites:

http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/assistance/tutorials/evaluating_web_sites/

Step 7: Associations, Societies and Departments
National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America
http://www.navta.net/

Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians
(http://www.oavt.org/)

Ontario Veterinary Medical Association
Step 8: Help for your assignments

Don’t forget Peer Helpers and the Academic Skills Consultant @ your library!

Refworks  [http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/research/create_bibliographies/](http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/research/create_bibliographies/)
Use this to organize the sites and sources you need to create your references.

Citation Machine  [http://citationmachine.net/](http://citationmachine.net/)
This website is open to the public. It can organize your sources while you search.

APA Style Guide  [http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/assistance/writing_services/undergraduates/citations & referencing/APA.cfm](http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/assistance/writing_services/undergraduates/citations & referencing/APA.cfm)
Use this guide to correctly cite your sources in written work – essays, assignments, etc.