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

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

**Color Atlas of Small Animal Anatomy: The Essentials**
636.0891McC

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

Step 2 : DVDs, Videos and Movies

**Tibial fracture stabilization**
Video recording: 636.0897 Ans

**Sutures and suturing techniques**
Video recording: 636.0897 Bla

**Emergency veterinary procedures**
Video recording: 636.0896025 Eme

**Handling, medicating, restraint of dogs**
Video recording: 636.7083 Han

**DASIE : dog abdominal surrogate for instructional exercises**
Video recording: 636.70897 Das

**Celiotomy : fundamental surgical technique**
Video recording: 636.0897 Sme
### Step 3 : Books

**Manual of aesthetic surgery**  
Electronic Book - search title in library catalogue  
All campuses

**Small animal surgery**  
636.0897 Sma  
Ridgetown / Guelph

**Small animal surgical nursing**  
636.7089 Tra  
Ridgetown

**Small animal anesthesia & analgesia**  
636.089796 Car  
Ridgetown

**Small animal anesthesia : canine and feline practice**  
636.089796 McK  
Ridgetown / Guelph

**Ferrets, rabbits, and rodents : clinical medicine and surgery : includes sugar gliders and hedgehogs**  
636.932 Que  
Ridgetown / Guelph

**Learning veterinary terminology**  
636.089014 McB  
Ridgetown

**Postoperative nursing care for a dog with a fracture : articles**  
636.0897918 Pos  
Ridgetown

**The small animal veterinary nerdbook**  
636.08955 Yin  
Ridgetown / Guelph

**Textbook of small animal surgery**  
SF 911.T49 1993  
Guelph

### Step 4 : Images

**Helping clients understand surgery**  
636.0896 Hel [CD-ROM]  
Ridgetown

**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, focusing on all plant scientific aspects, especially pathology, symbiosis, biochemistry, genetics, biotechnology, techniques and environmental biology.

**Journals & Magazines**

Compendium: continuing education for veterinarians

TECHNEWS: national journal for the Ontario Assoc. of Veterinary Technicians

Update: College of Veterinarians of Ontario Newsletter

Veterinary Technician: the journal for the Veterinary health team

Dogs in Canada

Dog Fancy

Cat Fancy

Equus

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**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)

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**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

**Canadian Veterinary Medical Association**
(http://canadianveterinarians.net/)

**National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America**
http://www.navta.net/

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

**Ontario Veterinary Medical Association**
(http://www.ovma.org/)

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/
Use this to organize the sites and sources you need to create your references.

Citation Machine  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
Use this guide to correctly cite your sources in written work – essays, assignments, etc.