Differences in Veterinary Services Between the Gambia, Africa and Washington, USA

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Abstract

Many places all over the world practice veterinary medicine differently based off of what they have access to. Places like the United States have access to many types of treatment but places like Africa have very little access to treatments. Does this lack of access to resources mean that they need extra assistance? These treatments could be as simple as tests that detect the parvo virus in dogs. I wish to learn what differences between resource access are and would that indicate as a sign that they need assistance. I observed the differences between the veterinary services provided in The Gambia, Africa compared to the veterinary services given in Puyallup, WA in the United States. Over the course of four weeks, I interned at a veterinary clinic in The Gambia and took notes of the types of treatments and services given and compared them to the services and treatment from working in a veterinary clinic in Puyallup, WA. These comparisons showed the large differences between the clinic in The Gambia and the clinic in Puyallup. Most of these differences were due to the access of supplies that each place has. The results support the differences found between these two clinics. But the differences found did not indicate that The Gambia needs help with resources, but shows that they have found alternative methods.