

# Dr. Valerie Ragan

Dr. Valerie Ragan is the director of the Center for Public and Corporate Veterinary Medicine with the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine (VMCVM) at Virginia Tech, which trains students for careers beyond private practice and provides guidance to veterinarians wanting to transition into new careers. Ragan also works internationally on brucellosis eradication and veterinary capacity building. After five years as a small animal practitioner, Ragan spent 17 years with USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services (VS); first as a field veterinarian then serving as an epidemiologist before being promoted to senior staff veterinarian serving as the National Brucellosis Epidemiologist. She then served as assistant deputy administrator for VS. Prior to joining VMCVM, she led a consulting company working on disease eradication and international veterinary capacity building. She attended Virginia Tech, received her DVM from the Univ. of Georgia, then completed post-graduate work at the Univ. of Michigan's School of Public Health. She was awarded AVMA's Public Service Award in 2017. Valerie has worked in private industry, government, and academia, and to keep things even more interesting, currently owns two companies – one veterinary related and one not.

