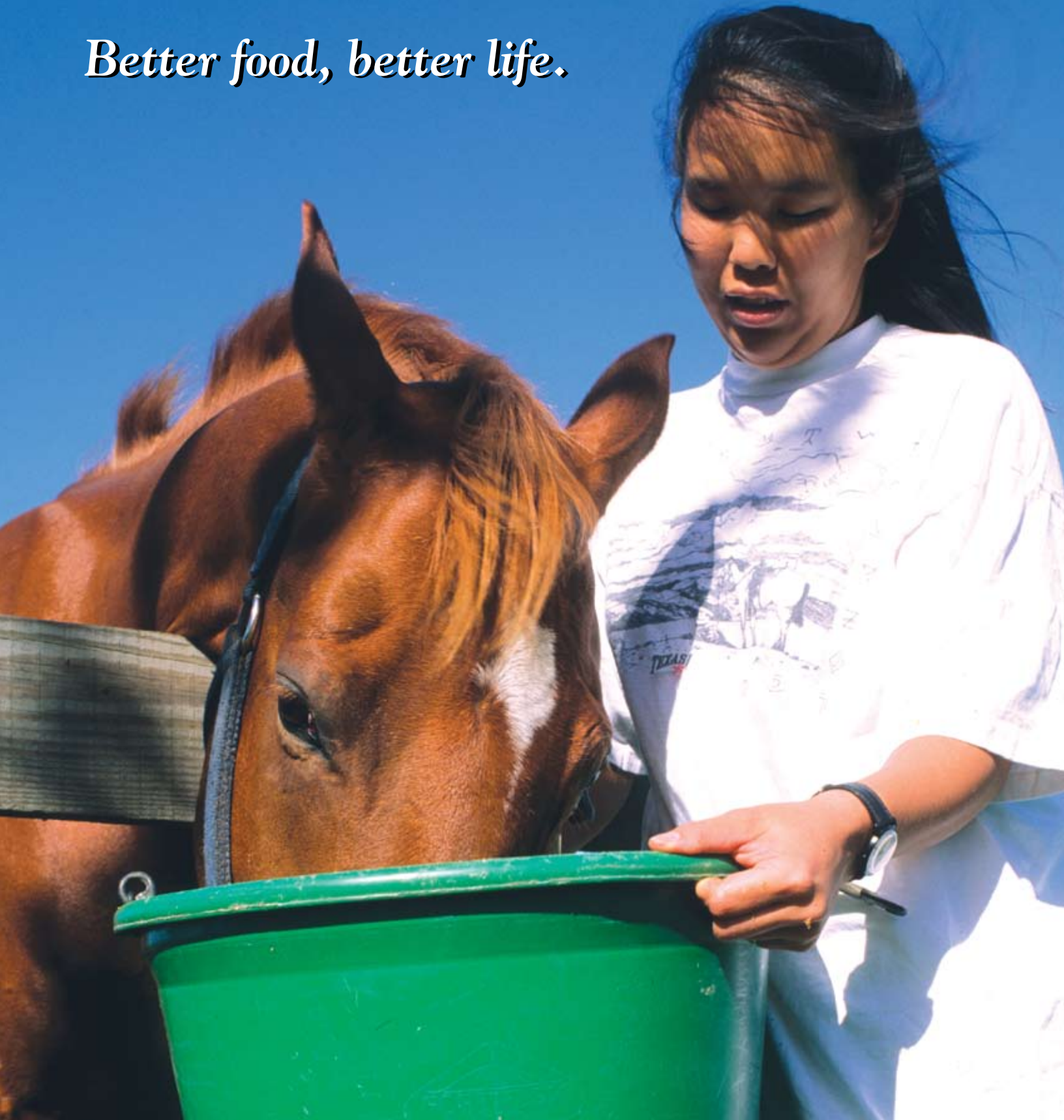


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**A**nimal nutrition is a science that combines chemistry, physics, biochemistry, mathematics, animal behavior, economics, and food processing with animal production techniques. Animal nutritionists formulate diets for food, companion, and zoo animals. They work with mammals, birds, and fish. The diets they create must be nutritionally sound, good-tasting, and economical for the ages and types of animals that will use them.

Animal nutritionists can teach the science and art of nutrition to students and conduct research in public universities or colleges, or they may work in the private sector. Corporate career activities range from serving clients on farms and ranches to conducting and supervising proprietary research to carrying out international marketing projects. Feed and pharmaceutical companies employ nutritionists.

To be an animal nutritionist you should be a curious person who is very interested in both animals and the sciences. Most animal scientists want to improve the quality of life for both people and animals. You must have a bachelor's degree for an entry-level position. For careers involving research and management you need a graduate degree.

In high school, take college preparatory courses in [biology](#), [chemistry](#), [physics](#), [mathematics](#), and [communications](#). Leadership skills acquired in extracurricular activities are useful.



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