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□ Gcobani Dolophini (15), or "Doctor Bean" as he is known to his friends, watches a horse on a treadmill at Onderstepoort.

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Epitome of enthusiasm

Fifteen-year-old Gcobani Dolophini – or Doctor Bean as he's known to his friends – knows exactly what he wants to do when he leaves school.

He wants to study veterinary science at the University of Pretoria and to pave the way he's been taking care of animals in Khayelitsha, where he lives.

Now, after appearing on the e.tv show *Let's Fix It*, and under the guidance of faculty dean Professor Gerry Swan, Gcobani has been given the opportunity to visit the university's faculty at Onderstepoort and find out more about what he needs to do to qualify for entry into the

veterinary field.

There he had the chance to tour the facilities and watch an operation and rehabilitation work.

Aside from his focus on school work, Gcobani has for the past five years worked alongside Dr Darren Taylor, a veterinarian at a clinic in Khayelitsha.

Gcobani's father had a stroke two years ago and his mother, a domestic worker, is the family's sole provider.

But Swan said they would assist someone with Gcobani's passion and commitment however they could. – Zahn Visser

