

# THE VETERINARY SERVICES COMMISSION

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Dear Veterinary Services District Chairs and Secretary Treasurers:

The Veterinary Services Commission (VSC) has authority under subsection 8(d) of the Veterinary Services Regulation to set the maximum fee schedule for Manitoba's Veterinary Services Districts (VSDs). In response to a 2022 request for a review of fees, the VSC solicited comments from Manitoba's VSDs. This is the first formal request since 2012. The maximum fee schedule has not been increased since the 2012 review.

Throughout the VSC's consultations, it was clear there are very real pressures facing rural veterinary clinics within the VSD system. The consultations identified that any fee increase has to balance the impacts of inflation with accessibility for producers. For these reasons, the VSC has set a 10 percent fee increase for 2023.

The Large Animal and Small Animal Fee Schedules for 2023 have been updated to reflect the change in fees. Copies of the schedules will be distributed for signature, by the veterinary practice and your VSD Board. The revised fee schedule is effective July 1, 2023.

VSDs should communicate the fee increase with their VSD clinics, and VSD clinics are responsible for ensuring clients are aware of the increase prior to proceeding with any services.

The VSC remains committed to monitoring the fee schedule to ensure the maximum schedule is fair to VSDs, veterinarians and producers.

The VSC will reach out to all VSDs in fall 2023, to solicit further feedback on the 2024 fee schedule.

Respectfully,



Dr. Helen Jerney  
Chair, Veterinary Services Commission

Cc: Manitoba VSD clinics

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS  
VETERINARY SERVICES DISTRICTS MAXIMUM FEE SCHEDULE INCREASE**

**Q. Why is there a fee schedule for Veterinary Services Districts (VSD)?**

**A.** In exchange for the use of the facilities, a veterinarian at a Veterinary Services District clinic agrees not to charge more than the province wide maximum fee schedule and to provide regular and emergency service. The Veterinary Services Commission is an independent body that oversees the Veterinary Services Districts, including setting this maximum fee schedule.

**Q. Why are the fees increasing now after being frozen for so long?**

**A.** It was only in 2022 that the Veterinary Services Commission received a request from VSD veterinarians to increase the maximum fees. It had been ten years since the last formal request to increase the fee schedule.

**Q. How much are fees increasing this year?**

**A.** Fees are increasing by 10% effective Monday July 1, 2023.

**Q. What if a fee schedule has already been signed for 2023?**

**A.** The clinic is not bound to the old 2022 fee schedule for the remainder of 2023. An updated fee schedule for 2023 should be signed by the VSD board and veterinary practice.

**Q. Should we expect more fee increases in the future?**

**A.** The VSC remains committed to monitoring the fee schedule to ensure the maximum schedule is fair to VSDs, veterinarians and producers. The VSC will reach out to all VSDs in fall 2023, to solicit further feedback on the 2024 fee schedule.

**Q. How will clients find out about the fee increase?**

**A.** VSDs should communicate the fee increase with their VSD clinics, and VSD clinics are responsible for ensuring clients are aware of the increase prior to proceeding with any services.

**Q. Who can I contact with questions about the fee schedule?**

**A.** You can submit questions to [VSD@gov.mb.ca](mailto:VSD@gov.mb.ca) for program staff to follow up.

**ACCREDITED SMALL ANIMAL MAXIMUM SCHEDULE OF FEES**  
**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE - 2023**

Hourly Rate (HR)	\$235.40
Surgical Rate/15 min (SR)	\$ 88.30
Office Visit	\$ 76.50
After Hours	\$117.70
Dispensing Fee	\$14.85 (repackaging in small quantities only)
Anaesthetic Admin. (plus drugs and Materials)	
- Local	\$35.30
- Intramuscular	\$41.25
- Inhalation Induction	\$147.15 (includes TPR, premed, intubation and 15 min gas)
- Intravenous	\$ 60.50

Euthanasia office visit plus drugs and materials	
Nail Trim	\$ 25.85
Parturition	HR
Tattoo	\$ 35.30

**VACCINATIONS** - Office fee plus drugs and materials

**SURGERY** (Anaesthetic, drugs, materials extra)

Abdominal	HR
Declaw cat	\$158.90
Eye Enucleation	\$158.95
Fractures	SR
Aural Hematoma	\$ 48.75
Hernia	\$ 70.15
Lacerations	SR
Ovariohysterectomy (the base price includes anaesthetic, overnight stay and materials, but additional charges can be added for mature animals, larger sized dogs, heat, pregnancy, cryptorchids, or difficult surgeries)	
- Canine	\$294.25
- Feline	\$235.40
Orchidectomy	
- Canine	\$235.40
- Feline	\$129.55
Teeth Cleaning	SR
Partuition	SR

**LABORATORY** (plus reagents, equipment and tech time)

Lab Submission Fee	\$41.25 or hr rate (plus 1.5 times the provincial lab charges)
In Clinic Fee:	
Fecal Sample:	\$29.45
Urinalysis:	\$52.95
CBC and Chemistry:	\$94.15
Microbiology (C&S):	\$64.75

In all cases, these fees include collection of sample and, laboratory work-up

**RADIOLOGY**

Small/large Animal	Set up and 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 views: \$147.15
	Each additional view: \$47.10

**HOSPITALIZATION** (per day)

Small Animal	\$29.45/Run
	\$23.55/Cage
Boarding	
- Canine	\$29.45
- Feline	\$23.55
Large Animal or Extended Care	\$70.65 per 24 hr

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**MANITOBA PLAN** **SCHEDULE "B"**  
**ACCREDITED LARGE ANIMAL MAXIMUM SCHEDULE OF FEES – 2023**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Hourly Rate (HR)	\$226.60 (on farm and in clinic)
Surgical Rate	\$339.90/hr
Examination Fee	\$90.75
Travel Charges	\$3.40/km one way
	Minimum Travel Charge- \$39.60 Mileage shall be split between clients on scheduled calls
	Driving fee \$56.65/hr
After Hours	\$113.30
Emergency Call Fee (reg hrs)	\$90.75
Drug Mark Up	29.33% of selling price on regular drugs 38.0% of selling price on prescription drugs
Consultation Fee	HR rate – min 15 min

**ROUTINE PROCEDURES SET UP FEE \$80.00 PLUS**

Hourly Rate or as Follows:

Castration:	Bovine - Calf: \$ 8.60	Yearling: \$10.35	Bull: \$ 12.60
	Equine - Colt: \$70.40	Stallion: \$88.65	Crypt: \$170.50
	Porcine - Piglet/Boar: HR		
	Ovine - Lamb/Ram: HR		
Postmortem, Adult	\$135.85		
Endoscopy	\$56.65		
Ultrasound	\$51.00		
Inguinal Hernia	\$20.65-\$38.90		
Umbilical Hernia	\$20.65-\$38.90		
Dehorning - Bovine:	Young: \$7.45	Adult: \$16.05	
Vasectomy on Bull	\$98.90		
Dental Float	\$68.00-113.30 (plus drugs, hooks/ramps extra)		
Hoof Trim - Cow & Bull	HR		
Dystocia	Cow: \$113.30	Mare: \$113.30	Sow: \$61.15
			Ewe: HR
Pregnancy Diagnosis	Cow: \$5.15 (or surgical hr)	Mare: \$19.25	
Epidural Anaesthesia	\$29.45		
Vaccination	HR		
E.I.A. Testing	\$39.60 (plus lab. fee)		
Embryotomy	\$226.60		
Episiotomy	\$28.35		
Placenta Removal	Bovine: \$38.35	Equine: \$51.00	
Passing Stomach Tube	One Horse - \$25.15	Group - HR	
Soundness Examination	Necropsy: Hourly Rate		
	Health Certificate: \$42.35		
	Bovine/Equine: \$34.10-\$135.85		
	Porcine/Ovine: \$22.65-\$39.65		
	Avian: \$21.75/bird or Hourly Rate		
Examine Bull for Breeding	First - \$80.15, each additional \$66.40		
Tuberculosis Test	\$13.60/head or hourly rate		
Export Testing	\$5.70-\$6.90 or HR (Drug, materials, documentation & shipping charges are extra)		

**SURGERY**

Hourly Rate or as Follows:

Abomasal Displacement	\$275.00 (plus drugs & materials)		
Caesarian Section - Bovine:	\$341.00 (plus drugs & materials)		
- Porcine	\$169.40	"	
- Ovine	\$135.95	"	
Claw Amputation	\$113.30	"	
Eye Enucleation	\$164.30	"	
Hernia - Bovine	\$101.95	"	
- Equine	\$215.25	"	
Interdigital Fibroma	\$101.95	"	
Joint Injection	\$ 42.45	"	
Prolapsed Uterus - Bovine	\$169.95	"	
Rectal Prolapse - Bovine Repair	\$ 73.70	"	
- Amputate	\$118.80	"	
- Porcine	\$ 58.90	"	
Rumenotomy	\$275.00	"	
Teat Surgery		HR	"
Urethrostomy	\$118.80	"	
Vaginal Prolapse	\$ 81.60	"	
Wounds	HR	"	