

## Veterinary Services Commission Board

### Veterinary Services District Veterinary Clinics

#### Ashern Veterinary Clinic

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Phone: 204-768-9609  
Email: [ashernvet@gmail.com](mailto:ashernvet@gmail.com)

#### Boissevain Animal Clinic

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Boissevain MB R0K 0E0  
Phone: 204-534-3212  
Fax: 204-534-6146

#### Dauphin Veterinary Clinic

Box 556  
Dauphin MB R7N 2V4  
Phone: 204-638-3044  
Fax: 204-638-7260

#### Vacant

Box 96  
Ethelbert MB R0L 0T0  
Phone: 204-572-4645

#### Fisher Veterinary Clinic

Box 149  
Fisher Branch MB R0C 0Z0  
Phone: 204-372-6034

#### Gladstone Veterinary Clinic

Box 538  
Gladstone MB R0J 0T0  
Phone: 204-385-2892  
Fax: 204-385-2021  
Email: [gladvet@mts.net](mailto:gladvet@mts.net)

#### Glenboro Veterinary Clinic

Box 69  
Glenboro MB R0K 0X0  
Phone: 204-827-2546  
Fax: 204-827-2010  
Email: [vets@mts.net](mailto:vets@mts.net)

#### Arborg Vet Hospital

Box 339  
Arborg MB R0C 0A0  
Phone: 204-376-2797  
Fax: 204-376-2091

#### Inter-Ridge Vet Clinic

Box 97  
Alonsa MB R0H 0A0

#### Lundar Veterinary Services

Box 354  
Lundar MB R0C 1X0  
Phone: 204-762-5425  
Fax: 204-762-5113  
Email: [vetlund@mts.net](mailto:vetlund@mts.net)

#### Minnedosa Veterinary Clinic

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Minnedosa MB R0J 1E0  
Phone: 204-867-3917  
Fax: 204-867-5304  
Email: [mdsavet@mts.net](mailto:mdsavet@mts.net)

#### Morden Veterinary Clinic

Box 745  
Morden MB R6M 1A7  
Phone: 204-822-4333  
Fax: 204-822-4708

#### Brydges & Taylor Veterinary Hospital

Box 250  
Neepawa MB R0J 1H0  
Phone: 204-476-5677  
Fax: 204-476-2047  
Email: [thevets@mymts.net](mailto:thevets@mymts.net)

#### Pembina Valley Veterinary Clinic

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Pilot Mound MB R0G 1P0  
Phone: 204-825-2759  
Fax: 204-825-2418  
Email: [pvvc@mts.net](mailto:pvvc@mts.net)

#### Roblin Veterinary Services

Box 935  
Roblin MB R0L 1P0  
Phone: 204-937-4623  
Fax: 204-937-2169

#### Russell & District Veterinary Clinic

Box 1302  
Russell MB R0J 1W0  
Phone: 204-773-3777  
Fax: 204-773-3935

#### St. Claude Veterinary Clinic

Box 430  
St. Claude MB R0G 1Z0  
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Fax: 204-379-2667  
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#### St. Pierre Veterinary Hospital

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St. Pierre Jolys MB R0A 1V0  
Phone: 204-433-7956  
Fax: 204-433-3669

#### Shoal Lake Veterinary Clinic

Box 105  
Shoal Lake MB R0J 1Z0  
Phone: 204-759-2727  
Fax: 204-759-2233

#### Souris-Glenwood Veterinary Clinic

Box 476  
Souris MB R0K 2C0  
Phone: 204-483-2193  
Fax: 204-483-3654

#### South-Central Veterinary Clinic

Box 149  
Notre Dame MB R0G 1M0  
Phone: 204-248-2310  
Fax: 204-248-2522  
Email: [scvet@mts.net](mailto:scvet@mts.net)

#### Border Vet Animal Health Services

Melita MB R0M 1L0  
Phone: 204-522-8405  
Fax: 204-522-3819

#### Swan Valley Veterinary Clinic

Box 388  
Swan River MB R0L 1Z0  
Phone: 204-734-4565  
Fax: 204-734-9530

#### Killarney Veterinary Clinic

Box 398  
Killarney MB R0K 1G0  
Phone: 204-523-7225  
Fax: 204-523-4297

#### Virden Animal Hospital

Box 1390  
Virden MB R0M 2C0  
Phone: 204-748-3950  
Fax: 204-748-1252  
Email: [virdenanimalhospital@yahoo.ca](mailto:virdenanimalhospital@yahoo.ca)

#### Vita Veterinary Services

Box 239  
Vita MB R0A 2K0  
Phone: 204-425-3264  
Fax: 204-425-3132  
Email: [vitavet@mymts.net](mailto:vitavet@mymts.net)

#### Ste. Rose Veterinary Clinic

Box 763  
Ste. Rose du Lac MB R0L 1S0  
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### Employment Opportunities in VSD's in Manitoba

Currently, one of the 27 VSD clinics is vacant and several are staffed by veterinarians on a part time basis. At least one clinic is looking for an additional veterinarian. Several clinics have veterinarians wanting or soon wanting to retire.

# Practising Veterinary Medicine in Rural Manitoba



THE VETERINARY SERVICES COMMISSION BOARD

## Introduction

In 1970, Dr. Jack McPhedran started the Rural Manitoba Animal Hospital Program. In partnership with local municipal governments, veterinary districts were formed and veterinary hospitals built. The plan is one-of-a-kind in western Canada and is still in place.

The key elements are:

- to build these hospitals across Manitoba at a distance of approximately 60 miles apart so all producers would have access to veterinary care
- the veterinary hospital is maintained by a district board
- in exchange for use of the facilities, a veterinarian will agree to not charge more than the province wide pre-arranged maximum fee schedule and agree to provide regular and emergency service
- cost of operating and maintaining the clinics is shared by the province and the municipalities
- the Veterinary Service Commission is an independent body that was formed to oversee the veterinary districts

Over the years, 32 hospitals or clinics were built. There are currently 27 veterinary service district (VSD) clinics. These clinics are found in the western part of the province and the Interlake as well as at Vita and St. Pierre. The 27 veterinary service districts are complemented by 52 private veterinary clinics or practices. Not all private practices are based in Manitoba and not all are full veterinary hospitals. The private practices are mostly

located around major centers, areas of highly concentrated livestock and a few near where the veterinarian was either raised or calls home.

The objectives and duties of a rural veterinary services district board are:

- to render financial or other assistance to enable and encourage veterinarians to practise veterinary medicine and surgery in the district, at uniform fees throughout the district, as prescribed in the regulations. This assistance is accomplished by the Province providing a matching grant based on municipal contributions to a maximum of \$20,000 per VSD. This is referred to as the Veterinary District Grant (VDG). In 1993 - 94 the province reduced their contribution to 95% of the municipal contribution. In 2014, most districts received the maximum of \$19,000;
- to maintain, equip and upgrade district animal hospitals to the standards prescribed in the regulations;
- to enable veterinarians to confer for the interchange of information on matters relating to veterinary medicine and surgery;
- through the imparting of information and instruction and such other means as may be found necessary or advisable, to prevent the spread of diseases among animals.

## Manitoba Provincial Contributions

Manitoba provides approximately \$500,000/year in matching grants to VSD's.

Currently Manitoba pays for 15 seats at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in each of the four years of vet school. A new agreement between the provinces and the WCVM is negotiated every few years on the costs of those seats. *The current cost is in excess of \$80,000.00 per seat.* According to The department of Advanced Education, Veterinary Medicine is the most expensive program that is offered to Manitoba students.

Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development encourages veterinary students to return to the province's rural practices through The Veterinary Science Scholarship Act. *There are currently 13 veterinary students under the program in 2013/14, each of whom received \$1,125.*

In 2005, an additional grant, the Large Animal Veterinary Retention Program was started to encourage Manitoba students to return to Manitoba rural veterinary practice. The program is funded annually at \$50,000/year. *The program gives 10 eligible Manitoba students in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years of their studies \$5,000, which is forgivable at \$5000/yr for each 12 months spent working in a Manitoba rural practice.*

From 1998 to 2011, Manitoba provided the Veterinary Technical Enhancement Grant (VTEG) for VSD clinics to purchase essential pieces of equipment for treating food producing animals. *The program put over \$3 million in equipment and clinic upgrades over the life of the program.*