

Veterinary Services Commission Board

Veterinary Services District Veterinary Clinics

Ashern Veterinary Clinic

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Boissevain Animal Clinic

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Dauphin Veterinary Clinic

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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
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Gladstone Veterinary Clinic

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Fax: 204-385-2021
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Glenboro Veterinary Clinic

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Email: vets@mts.net

Arborg Vet Hospital

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Phone: 204-376-2797
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Inter-Ridge Vet Clinic

Box 97
Alonsa MB R0H 0A0

Lundar Veterinary Services

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Minnedosa Veterinary Clinic

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Morden Veterinary Clinic

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Brydges & Taylor Veterinary Hospital

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Neepawa MB R0J 1H0
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Pembina Valley Veterinary Clinic

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Pilot Mound MB R0G 1P0
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Roblin Veterinary Services

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Fax: 204-937-2169

Russell & District Veterinary Clinic

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St. Claude Veterinary Clinic

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St. Pierre Veterinary Hospital

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Shoal Lake Veterinary Clinic

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Fax: 204-759-2233

Souris-Glenwood Veterinary Clinic

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Souris MB R0K 2C0
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Fax: 204-483-3654

South-Central Veterinary Clinic

Box 149
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Fax: 204-248-2522
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Border Vet Animal Health Services

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

Swan Valley Veterinary Clinic

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

Killarney Veterinary Clinic

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

Virden Animal Hospital

Box 1390
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Email:
virdenanimalhospital@yahoo.ca

Vita Veterinary Services

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Ste. Rose Veterinary Clinic

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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^d and 4th 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.*