

VETCOM Public Service Announcement on New Pricing and Packaging Policy:

Keeping your pet healthy

When taking your pet to an Army veterinary clinic after January 1st you may notice that the more routine veterinary services like basic de-worming, micro-chipping, fecal floatation and vaccinations will now be grouped into “Wellness Packages”.

“A Wellness Package”, explains MAJ Rebecca Evans, Chief of VETCOM's Future Operations, “will provide comprehensive preventive medical care that is tailored to your pet’s specific needs and stage of life.”

COL David S. Rolfe, Commander of the Veterinary Command (VETCOM), says “the veterinary profession is shifting from vaccination-driven appointments towards wellness-driven appointments.” The intent is to emphasize routine wellness examinations and interaction with a veterinary health care professional instead of vaccinations as the reason for a visit to the veterinary clinic. “VETCOM will embrace this effort to provide the best care to our patients and support to our clients through comprehensive disease prevention, early diagnosis of any problems and appropriate treatment.”

The standardization of these services will parallel the veterinary profession’s move toward wellness, promote public health, and provide consistency in veterinary care. There will be a re-structuring in the fee schedule, but the goal continues to be high quality care at the lowest cost. Fees will be the same for all clients and at all military veterinary treatment facilities.

You can take comfort in knowing that the DOD Veterinary Service is doing everything they can to keep your Family and your pets healthy for a lifetime.