

# Schofield Barracks Veterinary Treatment Facility Updates and Shipping Your Pet

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In an effort to provide the best quality care for your privately owned animal (POA) we have made some changes recently in personnel, scheduling, and appointment making at the Schofield Barracks Veterinary Treatment Facility. These changes should increase patient access to the clinic and make the process easier for making appointments. They are the following:

1. Our phone numbers have changed. The new numbers are 808-655-5893 and 808-655-5889.
2. We no longer offer a weekly walk in clinic. However, we have added a second civilian veterinarian in addition to our military staff and now are booking appointments 5 days a week.
3. We are continuing to offer an evening clinic on the third Wednesday of every month. On this day we are open from 0800-1100 for over the counter sales of products only and then seeing patients from 1100-1900.
4. We now are booking 4 weeks out for regular appointments (versus 3 weeks) and 6 weeks out for health certificates with appointments opening up first thing every Monday morning.
5. We will no longer be closed for a whole day to do inventory. We will still conduct inventory on the last Friday of every month but be open for full service from 0800-1200 and then closed for the afternoon to conduct inventory.
6. We are offering new Wellness Packages to make preventative care more affordable and convenient. Please make an appointment and come in to see us for details.

With the upcoming PCS season many families are leaving Oahu and preparing to take their pets with them. Remember, please take some time and plan ahead for these precious family members. Restrictions and guidelines will vary depending on the airline but these are some basic guidelines:

1. Your pet will need a health certificate signed by a veterinarian no more than 10 days from the date you will leave.
2. Plan ahead as appointments on post book up fast. Remember this can also be done by a civilian veterinarian if needed.
3. Bring a fecal sample with you to the health certificate appointment.
4. Plan to pick up a few month's worth of preventative medicines (heartworm and flea/tick prevention) especially if you are moving someplace that is not near a military Veterinary Treatment Facility.
5. Book a space for your pet to fly as soon as you know your dates and travel arrangements. Most airlines have restrictions on the numbers of pets that can fly both in the cabin and in the cargo space.
6. Remember your pet does not have to fly on the same flight with you and if you have somebody to pick them up on the other end a pet friendly airline that specializes in shipping pets may be a better option.
7. There are temperature restrictions in place by many airlines and even if you have a reservation your pet may not be able to fly, especially in the summer months out of Oahu.
8. Travel to locations other than CONUS can require more preparation. For this type of move please schedule an appointment with the VTF no less than 3 months prior to your move.

For more information, contact the Schofield Barracks Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) at 655-5893/5889