

February 21, 2020

Dear Valued Westwood Clients:

We wanted to inform you of two important changes on the horizon affecting prescription medications.

Effective January 1st, 2020, the government of the State of Oklahoma enacted changes to the laws for the prescribing of controlled and dangerous substances. Legally, we are now only allowed to prescribe a 7-day supply of any controlled drug. If a medical condition necessitates more than a 14-day supply, Westwood Veterinary Hospital will now require you to sign a Pain Management Agreement. If this is a long-term prescription, this form will be required every 180 days. In addition, a minimum of once every 180 days, all clients who will obtain a controlled prescription drug (i.e. opiates) will be legally verified through a state prescription monitoring program (PMP). Our goal will be to complete this verification with every controlled prescription.

Effective March 1st, 2020, we will be implementing a service fee for all prescription requests from outside pharmacies. Vetsource is our online pharmacy; there will be no service fee for prescription requests from this company. There will be a \$5 service fee for processing of prescription requests from all other pharmacies/companies. This small service fee will ensure that we are able to continue to provide the staff required to provide the necessary time, care, and inquiry to ensure that the prescriptions are valid, legal, and medically necessary.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding these new law changes and policy changes affecting Westwood Veterinary Hospital.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Biles, DVM and Staff