



Harlingen
VETERINARY CLINIC

Dear Valued Clients,

We hope this message finds you and your beloved pets in good health. At Harlingen Veterinary Clinic, the well-being and safety of all our patients and their families is our utmost priority.

Due to recent developments regarding avian influenza and the increased risks associated with it, we have made the difficult decision to no longer see waterfowl at our clinic. This policy change is effective immediately and aims to protect the health of all our patients, as well as prevent any potential spread of the virus.

For clarity, waterfowl typically include birds commonly found in aquatic environments such as lakes, rivers, and wetlands. This includes, but is not limited to:

Ducks

Geese

Swans

It is important to note that avian influenza has been detected locally in waterfowl. Additionally, avian influenza is a zoonotic disease, meaning it can be transmitted to humans, and it also poses risks to cats.

We understand that this change may cause inconvenience to some of our clients, and we sincerely apologize for any disruption this may cause. We are committed to supporting our clients and their pets through this transition. If you have any questions or need assistance finding alternative care for your waterfowl, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our team is here to help you in any way we can.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we navigate this challenging situation. Together, we can ensure a safe and healthy environment for all our patients.

Warm Regards,

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