ANIMAL MEDICAL CENTER
at FORT SHERIDAN

Why does vet care cost what it does?

A quick, honest look at where your money goes and why prices have changed.

Where each dollar goes



Why prices have gone up

Supplies cost more
Medications, anesthesia, and basic supplies have all climbed since 2020.

Pets live longer
More dogs and cats need ongoing care for arthritis, kidney disease, and more.

Better equipment
Digital x-ray, ultrasound, and in-house labs catch problems early, and cost a lot to run.

Keeping a great team
Great people are hard to find, and we're lucky to have every one of ours.

Little pet insurance
Almost every bill is paid in full, all at once, with no third party sharing the cost.

Chains buying clinics
Less local competition, plus bulk drug discounts small clinics can't get, push prices up.

30–50%
of U.S. vet clinics are now owned by corporate or private equity groups

96%
of pet care is paid out of pocket, with no insurance to spread the cost

~13¢
of each dollar is what's left for a typical practice

We're independently owned. Our prices reflect the cost of caring for your pet here, not investor targets.

How we help

Options, always
We'll walk you through what's urgent and what can wait.

Written estimates
Ask before treatment so there are no surprises. We want to be respectful of your finances.

Yearly checkups
Catching problems early is easier on your pet and your wallet.

Pet insurance
It works best when your pet is young and healthy.

Thank you for trusting us with your family.

The Doctors & Team at AMC Fort Sheridan

Sources: American Veterinary Medical Association; dvm360; PBS NewsHour; Stateline; American Economic Liberties Project. Figures are industry-wide estimates, not AMC Fort Sheridan's financials.