GUIDELINE OF TARIFFS 2011

The conflicting economic picture that emerges everyday makes price adjustments to veterinary fees very difficult.

In the practice situation two scenarios seem to be arising, one where veterinarians feel that fees are not affordable to the public and another group of veterinarians who feel strongly that fees should be adequately adjusted to compensate for real veterinary inflation.

The fees committee of the Council would appreciate your urgent input on this matter so that we can make a fair assessment for the year 2011. Please make your comments as an individual or through your veterinary group to legal@savc.org.za as soon as possible.

The input should address the percentage increase for the coming year as well as whether the present form of the fees guidelines is adequate. The important thing to realise is that the Competitions Board does in no way allow price fixing and the Council only sets the Guidelines to stop overcharging of the public and undercharging by veterinarians that may be considered as touting. Please read the notes in your guidelines before making comments.

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