

The dispensable vet box

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We all dream as kids of being Dr. Herriot, wearing green pella coveralls cruising around town in our gas-guzzling 1-ton with the largest, most elaborate vet box Bowie makes.

In reality, like most parts of practice in rural Texas, vet boxes are hot and dirty. One busted bottle of Koppertox and a boiling bottle of Draxxin later, we removed vet boxes from our trucks and found the following benefits.

First, our medicines are kept in 1 central pharmacy that all clinicians draw from. This allows minimum inventory without repetition. This also ensures that our medications are not ruined by heat.

Second, our sterile or mostly clean instruments and supplies stay clean and in usable condition.

Additionally, we downsized our gas-guzzling giant vehicles to half-tons. They are easier to drive and cost less to purchase and maintain.

Removing vet boxes from our practice has been fruitful by decreasing costs and waste, and ensuring quality of product we sell.