Routine Veterinary Care

Recipients are responsible for routine care and associated costs to include:

- 1. Veterinary examinations, disease prevention programs, diet and weight management, first aid kits, etc
- 2. Medication, if necessary, for different conditions or illnesses
- 3. Department of Defense veterinary reimbursable costs (i.e. medications, syringes, etc.)
- 4. Semi-annual (once every 6 months) veterinarian conducted canine health physical

Assistance regarding a medical second opinion of a Program canine (including locally procured canines, which have successfully been TSA-certified) is available. Contact the TSA Support Branch.

PLEASE NOTE: Should a medical emergency arise with a TSA-procured canine, program participants must immediately notify their field canine coordinator and/or TSA Support Branch Staff.

Semi-Annual Physical Examination and Health Evaluation

At a minimum, the following tests and procedures should be conducted at the canine's semi-annual examination:

- Heartworm Antigen Test
- Vaccinations (RV, DA2PL other as approved by Director DODMWDVS or required by law for deployment or transport)
- Fecal Flotation for parasite identification
- Complete Blood Count (minimum of WBC with diffrential, HCT, Platelet Count or estimate-from Vet Lab or in-house vet equipment) *CBC – If K9 over 8 years old

- Blood Chemistry Panel (minimum of Creatinine, BUN, Alt, LP, t.bili., glucose, cholesterol, Na+, K+, CL-, Calcium, Phosperus, Albumin, Total Protein from Vet Lab or in-house vet equipment. *Chem. Panel If K9 over 8 years old
- Urinalysis (Urine Specific Gravity by refractometer, dipstick, sediment examination) *Urinalysis - If K9 over 8 years old
- Blood and serum to VETCOM FADL for Banking
- Biennial Radiographs (if due)
- Dental Prophy/Cleaning (if needed)
- ECG If K9 8 years old or older
- Thyroid Panel If K9 8 years old or older (Total T4, Free T4 (ed), & cTSH from a vet. lab.)
- Additional Exams/Tests as clinically appropriate