

## What is the Senior Wellness Plan?

*In recognition of the special needs of your older pet, our doctors have created a preventative health maintenance plan suited to their needs. Just as those of us over 50 years of age are strongly encouraged to participate in a regular health care maintenance program, so it is with your senior years companion. Generally speaking, we consider any dog over the age of seven and any cat over the age of nine to be a senior companion. Our plan is designed to provide your older pet with the finest preventative health care and early intervention, should a problem arise. Our goal is to provide you with the peace of mind that you have done everything within your power to provide the opportunity for an extended, healthy life span for your cherished companion.*

## Why Preventative Healthcare?

*Preventative healthcare is becoming the rule rather than the exception, both in human medicine and in veterinary medicine. Older pets often have similar health problems to older people. Unfortunately, in both cases, these problems may go undetected and undiagnosed until the illness is extremely advanced.*

*Fortunately, with a carefully designed preventative healthcare maintenance plan, many of these problems may be detected by a complete physical examination and a series of non-invasive tests, allowing for early intervention in the event that a problem is detected.*

Included in the Plan:

- 1. Physical Examination x2** - Reveals weight loss, heart murmurs, tumors, enlarged abdominal organs, skin disorders, anemia, or other problems associated with liver or kidney disease. 1 exam performed w/ package, plus another free wellness exam in 6 months.
- 2. Dental Examinations**-Reveals dental disease, which can lead to major life-threatening conditions, including heart and kidney disorders. Pets cannot communicate their discomfort. Therefore, annual or more frequent dental exams are highly recommended.
- 3. Complete Blood Chemistry** –Nineteen parameters which evaluate the major organ systems in the body. Diabetes, liver or kidney disease, electrolyte disturbances and other abnormalities may be detected. Most senior patients, even those with no signs of illness, show some abnormal test results which are important as a baseline for future tests.
- 4. Complete Blood Count**-Gives us information to detect and classify anemia, detect blood cancers and blood parasites and characterize active infections.
- 5. Urinalysis**-Test results allow us to diagnose diabetes, kidney failure, and urinary tract infections. The information may also indicate liver disease, bladder stones, or tumors of the urinary system.
- 6. Thyroid Test (Baseline)**-To check for high or low hormone levels to screen for hyperthyroidism in cats and hypothyroidism in dogs.
- 7. Chest Radiographs**-Reveals heart and lung problems, including fluid build-up, heart enlargement, infectious or inflammatory conditions and tumors.
- 8. Ophthalmic Examination**-Screens for various painful or blinding eye disorders, such as glaucoma (increased pressure within the eye), cataracts (opacity of the eye lens), or KCS (an underproduction of tears causing “dry eye”).

**9. Blood Pressure** - Blood pressure measurements detect hypertension which can occur as a result of kidney, heart, or thyroid disease.

**10. Electrocardiogram (ECG)**-Evaluates for heart rhythm abnormalities associated with heart disease. There are many common heart diseases in older dogs and cats. Statistically, over 60% of dogs over 10 years of age have heart disease.

**11. Urine Protein: Creatinine Ratio**-This tests for small levels of protein in urine that can be an early indication of kidney disease.

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**Optional Add-On: Ultrasound Wellness Scan** - Our vet will get a look **inside** your pet to look for any abnormalities that may not be visible during a physical exam or show up in blood tests. If performed at the same visit as the SWP, we will take \$50.00 off the standard price of the ultrasound.

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### Is Your Pet “Over 50”?

*Your pet’s health status depends on its body weight. This table will help you determine your pet’s relative age in human years.*

*(Relative age in human years below)*

Pet’s age In Years	Pet’s Weight			
	1-20 lbs	21-50 lbs	51-90 lbs	>90 lbs
6	40	42	45	49
7	44	47	50	56
8	48	51	55	64
9	52	56	61	71
10	56	60	66	78
11	60	65	72	86
12	64	69	77	93
13	68	74	82	101
14	72	78	88	108
15	76	83	93	115
16	80	87	99	123
17	84	92	104	
18	88	96	109	

## Senior Health Inventory

Many of the signs described below are often attributed to “normal aging”. Did you know, however, that many of these behaviors may actually represent a manageable health condition? Please be sure to alert our staff if your senior pet is experiencing one or more of the signs listed below.

- Difficulty getting up, climbing stairs, or jumping
- Increased stiffness or limping
- Loss of housetraining/inappropriate soiling
- Changes in litter box habits (cats)
- Increased thirst
- Increased frequency of urination
- Changes in activity level
- Excessive panting
- Confusion or disorientation
- Excessive barking or meowing
- Less interaction with family/hiding
- Tremors or shaking
- Skin and hair coat changes
- Altered appetite
- Changes in sleeping patterns
- Weight change
- Bad breath

## Senior Wellness Plan Cost

*This includes all Senior Wellness recommended tests & procedures for your cat.*

### Normal Costs of Included Procedures

**\$661.39**

**Plan Cost \$499.00**

*All Senior Wellness fees are due in full at time of service.*

*If you cannot afford this cost at one time, you can apply for, or use your existing Care Credit account for a 6 month payment option.*

*Ask a receptionist for more details.*

### -Plan Bonuses-

*(Good for one year from the date of purchase of the Senior Wellness Plan)*

- 10% discount on a dental cleaning /prophylaxis when scheduled within one month of the initial exam.
- 10% discount on medication prescribed at the initial visit (refills do not apply).
- 10% discount off any additional diagnostic tests at time of visit.

*This plan is non-transferable.*

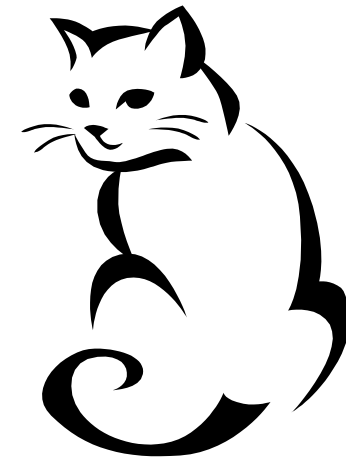
*No other discounts apply.*

*All services and procedures must be prescheduled. Please plan on leaving your pet with us for at least three hours to allow completion of all testing. Our receptionists will be happy to help you arrange this.*

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A Preventative Health Maintenance  
Plan For Older Pets

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