

Senior Wellness Promotion

September through November
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Our fall Senior Program has begun! Scheduling your pet for a wellness exam and work-up are important steps in keeping your friend healthy during this stage of their life. Perhaps you may have already noticed some signs that your pet is entering the senior years. In fact, changes that we attribute to "normal aging" can often be signs of a medical problem that needs attention.



What are signs of age related disease? The signs can be subtle and develop gradually. Changes in behavior or appearance can be the first indication of a problem. Signs may be more obvious such as limping, panting, vision loss, bad breath, appetite changes, or vomiting. It is important to remember that old age is not a disease. We need to watch for these changes in our pets, even though they may seem minor or insignificant. It may be the only way your pet can let you know something isn't right.



Our pets age much faster than we do. Generally speaking, our pets age 5-7 years for every year of human life. This means that a medical problem can progress much faster and be very advanced before it is detected. Just as with people, early detection of medical problems means a better outcome for managing the problem or disease. The goal of senior pet wellness is to prevent or treat health concerns before they affect your pet's quality of life.



So when is your pet a "senior"? If your dog is seven years of age or older or you have a cat that is nine years or older, this is an important time to consider healthy aging and wellness care for your senior pet.



What to expect during your pet's senior visit; a full physical and dental exam as well as laboratory tests are a part of this visit and give us valuable information about changes that may be happening in the body. Urinalysis, blood chemistries, radiographs (x-rays), blood pressure readings and even ultrasound are some of the tests our veterinarians use. These

tests also provide us with baseline information about your pet that can be used to monitor changes and track future results.



For the months of September through November, a senior wellness work up that includes a physical and dental exam, blood work, urinalysis, blood pressure testing and radiographs will receive a 20% discount off the standard price.

Please call our office at 303-661-0702 for more information or to set an appointment for your pet. Together, we can help your animal companion enjoy a lifetime of good health!