

## Senior Pet Screening

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Our goal is to help your pet live the longest, healthiest life possible. We understand that pets are part of our families, yet an aging pet will have subtle changes over time we may not notice. One way for us to detect and treat diseases in the older pet, is to perform a comprehensive set of diagnostics. Early detection of disease often gives us more effective and less costly treatment options. Senior testing also helps establish normal baseline values for your pet, creating a point of comparison for the future.

### What pets should have senior screening?

Senior Screening should be done for all senior pets. The breed and size of your pet may play a factor in how quickly they age. We consider most pets around the age of seven, a senior. An aging pet's organs gradually deteriorate and may lose their ability to function properly. We use senior screening to promote early detection, so we can maintain health during your pet's senior years.

### What is included in senior screening?

- **Comprehensive Physical Exam**- This is the most important piece of screening. Your veterinarian will assess all major body systems to check for physical abnormalities. Your Veterinarian may recommend more frequent physical exams depending on health status.
- **Blood Chemistry, Complete Blood Counts, Thyroid screen**- These can detect diseases like kidney failure, diabetes, thyroid disease, and other major organ diseases.
- **Urinalysis**- This provides information on kidney function and screens for urinary tract infections and diabetes.
- **Glaucoma Testing**- measures pressure in each eye using a tonometer. Left untreated, glaucoma can lead to blindness.
- **Blood Pressure**- Screens for hypertension which can lead to kidney and heart disease, blindness, and other complications.
- **Radiographs**- Typically we check the chest to screen the heart and lungs. Other views may be recommended depending on findings from bloodwork or physical exam.
- **Fecal test**- screens for intestinal parasites that can cause issues such as anemia, diarrhea, and weight loss.



### Scheduling Senior Screening

If you would like to schedule senior screening for your pet, please let us know. Typically, we will schedule a time to drop off your pet. We will first perform a blood pressure measurement while you are still here and then perform the rest of the diagnostics throughout the day. If you are not comfortable leaving your pet, arrangements can be made to complete all the testing while you wait. Your Doctor will call you with the test results and any further recommendations within the next few days. Your pet will usually be ready to go home around 3:00. The cost for senior screening ranges between \$400.00-\$500.00

### Pet Aging

Age	Feline		Canine		
	0-20	0-20	20-50	50-90	>90
1	7	7	7	8	9
2	13	13	14	16	18
3	20	20	21	24	26
4	26	26	27	31	34
5	33	33	34	38	41
6	40	40	42	45	49
7	44	44	47	50	56
8	48	48	51	55	64
9	52	52	56	61	71
10	56	56	60	66	78
11	60	60	65	72	86
12	64	64	69	77	93
13	68	68	74	82	101
14	72	72	78	88	108
15	76	76	83	93	115
16	80	80	87	99	123
17	84	84	92	104	131
18	88	88	96	109	139
19	92	92	101	115	-
20	96	96	105	120	-