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## Senior Care Wellness program

“For the Health of your Pet”

### **For dogs and cats 7 years and older**

Your pet may SEEM healthy well into its senior years. Nonetheless, there are many problems common to geriatric pets, which may not present symptoms until your pet becomes tragically ill. Research has shown that about 30% of our senior pets do not show any clinical sign of disease; however, a full clinical examination, including a tailor made blood profile your vet can identify disease processes early and start with preventative treatment before the disease progresses to a debilitating or fatal stage.

### **Conditions commonly seen in older pets include:**

- Chronic Renal Disease
- Neoplasia
- Arthritis
- Cardiac Disease
- Dental Disease
- Digestive abnormalities
- Obesity (including Diabetes and Hypothyroidism)
- Chronic Hepatopathy
- Genital Disease (Uterine/Prostatic)
- Sensory Loss (Cataracts and deafness)
- Bronchial Disease
- Hyperthyroidism (cats)

### **What does the Senior Wellness Program involve?**

#### **Annually**

- Comprehensive Physical and Dental Exam
- Blood work (Complete Blood Count, Blood Chemistry Panel to assess internal organ function)
- Urinalysis
- Faecal Analysis
- General Anesthesia and Dental Scale and Polish
- X-rays of chest (Heart and Lung Conditions), also Pelvis, Back, Knees and Elbows for Arthritis
- FeLV/FIV (Feline Patients)
- Annual Vaccination
- Deworming
- Tick and flea treatment



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This comprehensive panel of tests and procedures usually amounts to a staggering R3500. However, as your pets are so important to us, and because we have learned over the years that prevention is possibly and often better than cure, we offer all of the above for R2600 (dogs) and R2850 (cats), yearly, from February to October. The other months our focus has to fall on our load of critically ill patients.

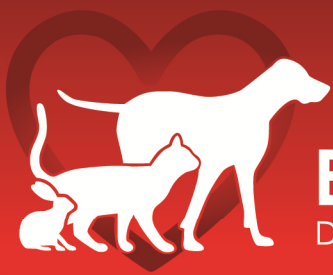
### How do I enroll my pet?

- Call us to arrange a day for your pet to receive his/her testing.
- Please withhold food from your pet from 10pm the night before so that we can get an accurate blood sample.
- Make water available as usual
- Admit your pet to the hospital by 07h30
- We will schedule a discharge appointment between 15h00 and 18h00 the same day to review the test results with you and discuss any appropriate care and treatment for your pet.
- Fill in our Senior pet questionnaire

### Senior Pets

Compare your pet's age to the human equivalent on the table below:

Pet's age	1-9kg	10-22kg	23-40kg	>40kg	Cats
5					30
6	40	42	45	49	35
7	44	47	50	56	40
8	48	51	55	64	45
9	52	56	61	71	50
10	56	60	66	78	55
11	60	65	72	86	60
12	64	69	77	93	65
13	68	74	82	101	70
14	72	78	88	108	75
15	76	83	93	115	80
16	80	87	99	123	85
17	84	92	104		90
18	88	96	109		95
19	92	101	115		100
20	96	105	120		105



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As dogs and cats age, they, like people, have a greater risk for developing certain diseases and conditions. For example, we know that the incidence of problems, such as heart disease, kidney disease, malignant and benign tumours, arthritis, loss of vision, and oral/dental disease increase with advancing age. However, when such conditions are diagnosed in their early stages, treatment to cure such disorders or delay their progress can be given in most cases. For that reason, we recommend that all our dog and cat patients that are 7 years or older, have an annual geriatric evaluation.

Even if all the results are normal – it is good to know that everything is ‘all right’ and that the evaluation provides valuable ‘baseline data’ on which to compare future results.

The goal of senior care is simple. We want to help you maintain the highest possible quality of life for your pet and thereby enhance the bond we all share. Together we can help make the senior years the most rewarding years for you and your pet to share with each other and maybe turn them into ‘puppies’ again.



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## Senior Pet Questionnaire

○ Weight gain or weight loss?

○ Change in appetite?

○ Change in water intake?

○ Change in stools?

○ Change in urination?

○ Any coughing?

When did it start? \_\_\_\_\_

How often? \_\_\_\_\_

○ Has anything triggered the symptom?

○ Any vomiting?

When did it start? \_\_\_\_\_

How often? \_\_\_\_\_

○ Any limping, getting up with difficulty, grumpiness, decreased activity?

○ Any blood anywhere? \_\_\_\_\_

○ Any lumps? \_\_\_\_\_

○ Any seizures?

○ Any unusual behavior, like confusion or disorientation?

○ Any overall decline in condition \_\_\_\_\_