



Pediatric to Geriatric

Is your pet growing old gracefully? Just like people, as your pet ages, its organs will slowly deteriorate and lose their ability to function normally. However, for our pets, this process occurs more rapidly since animals age seven times faster than people. Modern medical tools and in-house blood analysis, allow our staff to take a more proactive approach to maintaining your pet's good health.

Routine preventative and geriatric health screenings will help establish healthy baseline values and identify problems early, rather than waiting for obvious signs of tragic illness. In addition, testing helps us avoid using medications or anesthesia that may not be safe for the pet's condition or health status. If the health status is known, we can proceed with confidence knowing that a prescription interaction or an anesthetic risk has been minimized.

Vaccine protocols have recently changed. The frequency given depends upon each individual pet's risk/exposure assessment. Rabies vaccines in dogs are also available in three year intervals. These are considered core vaccines. Other vaccines such as Lyme, Leukemia or Kennel Cough are based on the risk/exposure assessment.

Additional vaccines are available, but only needed if the exposure warrants (i.e. grooming, daycare, wooded yard, hiking and outdoor cat or dog). We recommend that all dogs and cats that enjoy the great outdoors be tested annually for intestinal parasites, Heartworm/Lyme disease in dogs and Feline Leukemia and FIV in outdoor cats.

For the safety of our staff and animals in the clinic, all animals must be current on vaccines prior to any surgical procedure or extended stay.