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## EARLY DETECTION GERIATRIC FELINE PROGRAM

**Advances in veterinary medicine and nutrition, enhancement of the human-animal bond, and loving care by owners has increased the number of pets living into their "senior years"!**

Like their human counterparts, senior pets require an increased level of care to maintain optimum health and to detect changes that may lead to disease. Do not assume that your pet is simply suffering from "old age" and cannot be helped! Old age itself is not a disease, but we do see an increase in age related illness as our pets get older. We have more tools than ever to treat or slow the progression of many age-related issues especially if caught early. These procedures will provide a more complete and comprehensive picture of your pet's health and medical needs. By working with our veterinarians, you can help ensure that your pet enjoys the best quality of life for the longest possible time.

In order to encourage pet owners to take advantage of the recommendations outlined below, our packages are offered at a discounted rate. **Not all "seniors" need vaccines but for those enrolled in the early detection program "core" vaccines\* (tailored to your pet's needs) and an initial nail trim are FREE.**

Included in the package price are...

**TWO COMPREHENSIVE PHYSICAL EXAMS,  
TWO CBC's, TWO CHEMISTRY PROFILES, THYROID (T4) TEST, COMPLETE URINALYSIS,  
FECAL ANALYSIS, HEARTWORM TEST, HEART ABNORMALITY SCREEN,  
RADIOGRAPHS (XRAY'S), BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING, "CORE VACCINES\*",  
INITIAL NAIL TRIM, BAG OF LEAN TREATS**

Package Price: \$450

(\$650 Value)

### **ADDITIONAL EARLY DETECTION DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE**

To encourage proper preventive dental care for your pet, participants in the Early Detection Program receive a **15% discount on a dental cleaning** (scale and polish teeth under anesthesia). This does not apply to special dental work if needed, such as extractions or periodontal antibiotic therapy. Your veterinarian will help guide you on your pet's dental health needs for at home care or a professional cleaning if needed.

You may also take advantage of additional **\$5 discounts** on a 1 year supply of internal and external parasite prevention (**Revolution**) and **MICROCHIPPING**.

**All discounts and services are good for up to 10 months from purchase of package.**

\*For the health and safety of your pet, distemper vaccines must be given with an exam.

**LIFESTYLE ADD-ONS:** Depending on your pet's lifestyle assessment and history they may be at additional risk. A short questionnaire we review with you will determine if your pet needs additional preventive care. Additional vaccinations and viral testing for at risk cats are offered at a discount. (\$50)

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**The Early Detection Geriatric Program** is designed to alert us to early changes and help avoid advanced, irreversible, or costly disease. Your pet cannot talk and many show no signs something is wrong. By nature cats work hard to hide illness until things are very serious. Many illnesses, although present, can go undetected for months due to the nature of disease and our pets natural ability and desire to "hide" illnesses. The recommendations and information below are screening procedures and preventives. They are intended to pick up or prevent the most *common* disorders, but do not rule out every possible condition. Our packages can also save you money in the future by managing disease early. If detected early, 63% of common feline diseases can be managed with dietary modifications alone.

**COMPREHENSIVE PHYSICAL EXAM** Still the *most important aspect* of preventive care. Because dogs and cats age at a faster rate in their senior years, we highly recommend scheduling an exam twice a year. This allows us to assess body condition, joint function, hair coat, heart, lungs, ears, eyes, thyroid, teeth, lymph nodes and skin masses or ulcerations. Bi-annual exams are recommended for all senior pets to detect problems they "hide" from their owners.

**COMPLETE CHEMISTRY PROFILE AND BLOOD COUNT** used to assess the function of the liver, kidneys, pancreas, and other body systems such as electrolyte balance. It also helps in the diagnosis of infection, cancer, anemia, and bleeding disorders. This test will provide insight into the status of your pet's immune system and gives us a "baseline" for future comparison. Blood values show changes long before your pet shows signs and early detection allows early and more effective treatment. **A recheck in 6 months is also included.**

**THYROID TEST(T4)** measures levels of thyroid hormone, commonly increased in older cats. Early diagnosis will allow early treatment which can help your pet avoid weight loss, increased hunger, and heart problems.

**BLOOD SCREEN FOR HEART MUSCLE ABNORMALITIES** In cats these abnormalities often remain hidden for years. This test allows for early diagnosis and treatment that may prolong your cat's life.

**HEARTWORM TESTING** The Heartworm Society recommends yearly heartworm testing for dogs and cats (even those on prevention). This ensures your pet is free from this deadly parasite, and also allows early detection (before your pet shows signs) and treatment of this disease, should your pet contract the parasite.

**FECAL ANALYSIS** is important in older pets as parasites or bacterial infections can cause serious, but treatable disease in senior pets. Many of these parasites are transmissible to people too. Even pets that are indoor only are at risk as fecal parasites can be transmitted by insects, rodents, potting soil, or just a simple stroll through the yard.

**COMPLETE URINALYSIS** a urine sample is checked for evidence of infection or diabetes and it also helps assess kidney function. If kidney disease or diabetes are detected, early treatment is more effective and less expensive.

**BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING** High blood pressure can cause blindness, "strokes", and damage to the heart and kidneys. It can also indicate an underlying, but treatable disease process.

**CHEST XRAYS** to evaluate the size of the heart and presence of lung disease or masses. Many older pets develop congestive heart failure, which is a very manageable disease if caught early! If indicated, the doctor may recommend imaging of a different area.

**VACCINES AND REVOLUTION YEAR ROUND;** We strongly recommend year round prevention for every cat. Revolution will **prevent fleas, intestinal parasites, mites, and heartworms**. Even indoor only cats are vulnerable to infection as these offenders can be brought into the house by various insects, other pets, and humans. Protecting your pet also protects human family members from these parasites.

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