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Vets Love Pets!



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Senior Wellness

It's inevitable, our furry friends will age, and it's important that we are ready to support them during their senior years. Pets age at a different rate, with larger dogs aging faster than smaller dogs and cats. On average, each human year is equivalent to approximately 4-5 pet years. Therefore, it is important that as our pets age, they are regularly examined and the appropriate testing performed. They have given us many years of unconditional love, now it is our turn to ensure they enter the "golden" years gracefully and with dignity.



FAQ's About Senior Health...



What should we be doing?

The most important thing to do for your pet is to have them examined by their veterinarian to ensure that there exists no underlying health concerns. The physical examination is very important in finding small problems before they become huge problems. Heart issues, joint problems such as arthritis, vision and hearing concerns, or many internal/external lumps and bumps can be diagnosed & addressed on the physical examination. The physical examination could be your pet's best screening tool against cancer. Ideally, twice a year examinations are what's best for your pet. Book your appointment today.

AGE 7...



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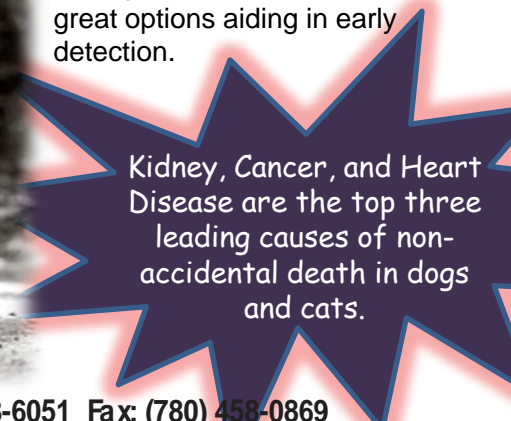
- Bloodwork
- Urinalysis
- ECG
- X-rays

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Age 7 is the approximate age in which we begin to consider our animals as seniors. At age 7, pets can begin to develop diseases very similar to those of humans. Kidney impairments, heart disease, cancer and endocrine diseases such as diabetes, hypothyroidism in dogs, and hyperthyroidism in cats are some of the most common. Early detection of these diseases and therefore the early treatment is vital in improving your pet's quality and length of life. Bloodwork, urine testing, x-rays, and ECGs are great options aiding in early detection.



Kidney, Cancer, and Heart Disease are the top three leading causes of non-accidental death in dogs and cats.

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Santa Claus is coming to town...



On Sunday December 4th, we will be opening the clinic from 10am - 4pm and would like to invite you to come in and have a special photograph of your pet taken with "Santa" which you can treasure forever. Not only will you have a wonderful keepsake, but you will also be making a charitable donation as ALL profits are going to charity. One 5" x 7" photograph costs \$15 and any additional prints are available at a cost of \$5 per photograph. So put the date in your diary - no need to make an appointment, just drop by.

COGNITIVE DYSFUNCTION

Cognitive Dysfunction (CDS) is similar to senility in humans. Its often characterized by one or more of the following clinical signs: disorientation, staring at walls, barking for no apparent reason, failure to greet family members,

loss of house-training, change in appetite, sleeping more during the day but restless at night, and aimless wandering through the house or yard. Many owners chalk this up to "old-age" and have their pet "put to sleep". CDS is a disease that may be successfully treated with the medication Anipryl and with the diet Hills b/d. Diagnostic tests should be performed to rule out other reasons for behaviour change. Our pets have given us years of unconditional love and companionship. We owe it to them!

Tudor Glen Veterinary Hospital carries Hills g/d (geriatric) for dogs and cats, as well as Hills b/d (brain) for dogs with Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome. These are two completely balanced and designed foods for your senior pet. Both diets take into account your senior pet's aging organs, especially the heart, kidneys and brain, and help to decrease the early onset of chronic disease

At what age is my pet considered old?

The aging process varies with species, breed, size and lifestyle. The chart on the right gives you general guidelines to determine when your pet has reached their "senior years" and this is highlighted in the grey shaded areas.



Age in years	feline		canine	
	Small Breed	Medium Breed	Small Breed	Large Breed
1	15	15	15	15
2	24	24	24	24
3	28	28	28	28
4	32	32	32	32
5	36	36	36	36
6	40	40	42	45
7	44	44	47	50
8	48	48	51	55
9	52	52	56	61
10	56	56	60	66
11	60	60	65	72
12	64	64	69	77
13	68	68	74	82
14	72	72	78	88
15	76	76	83	93
16	80	80	87	100+
17	84	84	92	
18	88	88	96	
19	92	92	100+	
20	96	100+		
21	100+			

STAFF NEWS

- Congratulations to Dr. Tammy Wilde and her husband Scott, who welcomed a baby girl, Eastynn Kate, on the 26th of August. The now, family of 5, is doing very well. Please speak with the reception staff for details on Dr. Wilde's limited schedule.
- Wedding Bells are ringing... Congratulations to Summer, Kathleen, Val, and Mandy, who all tied the knot in the past couple months. Wishing them all the best in their married life.



NOW OPEN LATE!

Open until 9:00 PM, Monday through Friday, for your scheduling convenience. Doctors available for your pet's appointments and emergencies.

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