

Importance of Senior Wellness

Thanks to advances in veterinary medicine, our pets are living longer than ever before! Our goal is to ensure your pet lives as long as possible while enjoying a good quality of life as he or she ages. Just like people, as your pet ages, organ function may begin to deteriorate. Some pets may appear very healthy until the problem has progressed to an advanced stage. Early detection of disease or degenerative changes makes successful management of the problem more likely.



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Hoisington Veterinary Hospital's **Senior Wellness Program**



Minimizing the effects of aging through diagnostics, dentistry, and diet.

How do I know if my pet is a senior?

Dogs:

| Weight (lbs) | Age considered a Senior (years) |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 0-50 | 7 |
| 51 and above | 6 |

Cats:

Cats are considered Seniors at 11 years of age



What does the Senior WELLNESS PROGRAM INCLUDE?

- **Complete Physical Exam**
- **Complete Chemistry Profile**
 - First line testing for major organ function, electrolyte balance, and blood sugar
- **Complete Blood Count**
 - Tests for anemia, infection, inflammation, and hydration status
- **Urinalysis**
 - Helps detect early kidney disease and assesses the health and function of the urinary system
- **Parasite Exam**
 - A stool sample checks for the presence of intestinal parasites. Some, of which, can be transmitted to humans. A blood sample checks for the presence of heartworm disease

How can my Pet benefit from the Senior Wellness Program?

Senior dogs and cats can benefit from early detection of disease and degenerate changes. Medications, diet, nutritional supplements, and adjusted exercise routines are most successful when conditions are treated early. All of these tests can be done at your pet's regular annual exam.

Please call us if you have questions or would like to schedule your exam today!