

# SENIOR CARE WELLNESS PROGRAM FOR YOUR DOG OR CAT



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## SENIOR CARE PROGRAM

Superior Animal Hospital is now offering a Senior Care Wellness Program for your senior and geriatric pets over 7 years of age. All senior and geriatric pets should get, at the minimum, a blood chemistry profile (BCP) with electrolytes (EC3+) and complete blood count (CBC) every year for early detection of health problems. Any abnormalities found may need further diagnostic testing.

1. **BCP:** This blood test checks the kidneys, liver, endocrine function, protein levels and cholesterol.
2. **EC3+:** This blood test checks sodium, potassium and chloride levels.
3. **CBC:** This blood test looks for evidence of anemia, infection, bleeding problems and may signal certain types of cancers.
4. **Urinalysis:** We can check the urine for kidney disease, diabetes, urinary tract infection and bladder stones.
5. **Early Renal Detection Screen (ERD):** This screens for proteins being leaked into the urine by the kidneys which can be an early indication of kidney failure.
6. **Thyroid Test:** This blood test checks for low levels of thyroid hormone in dogs and high levels in cats.
7. **Glaucoma Screen:** Pressures in the eyes are checked and may detect early glaucoma.
8. **X-rays:** We can look for changes in the heart and lungs, abdominal organs, as well as screen for tumors and bladder stones.

## COMMON HEALTH CONDITIONS OF SENIOR PETS

**Periodontal Disease:** Tartar accumulation and inflammation of the gums may lead to pain, infection, tooth loss, bad breath, shortened life, kidney and heart disease.

**Obesity:** As your pet's metabolism slows down, weight gain can increase their risk of arthritis, diabetes, heart disease and back problems.

**Endocrine Diseases:** Aging pets often experience changes in thyroid, pancreas and adrenal gland function that can negatively affect the heart, GI tract, liver and kidneys.

**Kidney & Liver Disease:** Organ failure can lead to chemical imbalances, anemia, compromised immune function, blood clotting defects and altered mental capacity. Kidney disease is the leading cause of death in pets.

**Heart Disease:** Pets with heart disease can experience difficulty breathing, fatigue, coughing, exercise intolerance and lethargy. Medications may help make your pet more comfortable.

**Arthritis:** Pain from arthritis makes it hard for your pet to climb stairs, run or jump.

**Loss of Vision:** Older animals are at risk for cataracts, glaucoma and nuclear sclerosis (natural aging process that "clouds" the eye).

**Cancer:** Early detection of cancer may improve the prognosis with treatment. Many treatments are available and most have very few side effects.

**Behavioral Changes:** Pets suffering from Canine Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome may appear disoriented, forget their housetraining, sleep more and interact less with the family.

Compare your pets age to the human equivalent on the table below.

Superior Animal Hospital feels strongly about preventative health care, therefore, the price of the plans below reflect a 20% cost savings.

**DOGS**

PETS AGE	1-20 LBS.	21-50 LBS.	51-90 LBS.	>90 LBS.	CATS
5					30
6	40	42	45	49	35
7	44	47	50	56	44
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

Call us or ask the front desk about scheduling a Senior Care Wellness appointment. Some plans may take more time and require your pet to stay for part of the day at no additional cost.

Our phone number is:  
715-392-6211.

We look forward to hearing from you.

**SENIOR CARE PLANS**

**DOGS**

- **Bronze Plan           \$84.00**
  - BCP
  - CBC
  
- **Silver Plan           \$127.00**
  - All of above tests
  - Urinalysis
  - ERD Screen
  
- **Gold Plan           \$274.00**
  - All of above tests
  - Thyroid test
  - Glaucoma test
  - X-ray of chest
  - X-ray of abdomen

**CATS**

- **Bronze Plan           \$116.00**
  - BCP
  - CBC
  - Thyroid Test
  
- **Silver Plan           \$159.00**
  - All of above tests
  - Urinalysis
  - ERD test
  
- **Gold Plan           \$258.00**
  - All of above tests
  - X-ray of chest
  - X-ray of abdomen

The cost of the office call and exam are in addition to the price of the above plans.