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Your Pet's Senior Years

"we love our senior pets"

7X
SEVEN TIMES

Where does the time go?

Most of us don't need a medical checkup more than once a year, but dogs and cats are different. Pets, on average, age up to **SEVEN TIMES** faster than humans, and by age two, most have already reached adulthood. At age four, many pets are entering middle age. By age seven, dogs and cats are considered seniors, and at age ten, they enter the geriatric stage of their lives.

As you always have, you can continue to show your love and devotion by ensuring age-related health care. In honor of National Senior Pet Health Month, we are offering a special diagnostic checkup for our grand patients.

How Old Is Your Seven-Year-Old?

(equivalent age in human years based on your pet's weight)

Pet's Age In Years	Cats		Dogs (by weight)			
	0-20 lbs.	21-50 lbs.	51-90 lbs.	> 90 lbs.		
5	36	36	37	40	42	
6	40	40	42	45	49	
7	44	44	47	50	56	
8	48	48	51	55	64	
9	52	52	56	61	71	
10	56	56	60	66	78	
11	60	60	65	72	86	
12	64	64	69	77	93	
13	68	68	74	82	101	
14	72	72	78	88	108	
15	76	76	83	93	115	
16	80	80	87	99	123	
17	84	84	92	104		
18	88	88	96	109		
19	92	92	101	115		
20	96	96	105	120		

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Your Pet's Senior Exam Is Different

This is not your regular pet health exam. A senior health screening exam involves state-of-the-art laboratory analysis of your pet's internal functions. These tests help diagnose blood disorders, kidney and liver disease, diabetes, infections, thyroid abnormalities, and other potential illnesses before they become life threatening. Radiographs can help diagnose heart disease, cancer, and osteoarthritis. **An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!** Help your "best friend" live a longer, healthier and happier life.



IMPORTANT SENIOR NOTE: Data from senior health screening exams show that more than 22% of senior dogs and 17% of cats that appear healthy have been found to have significant subclinical disease.



Is Your Best Friend Suffering From Unnecessary Pain?



Like in humans, arthritis in pets causes joint inflammation. It can occur in any joint, including the spine and jaw, and affects about 20% of our patients, not all of them senior pets. ***As your pet ages, it is important to learn to differentiate what is normal aging from what are abnormal changes in your pet's health.***

Signs of arthritis may be obvious – like the dog that is slow to rise or limps after playing, or the cat that no longer jumps up on furniture. Signs may be subtle – a dog that seems to prefer the floor to the bed now or avoids stairs, or a cat that doesn't jump as high as before. Increased sleeping and decreased activity are also reasons to look closer.

Watch your pet carefully as you interact for the warning signs of arthritis. Let us know so we can help you make a difference early. Relieving pain from arthritis can both enhance the quality and extend the duration of your pet's life. Unlike humans, our pets rarely complain, but no pet deserves to hurt.

Signs of Arthritis – *does your pet:*

- Seem stiff or lame?**
- Have trouble when first getting up?**
- Enjoy walks less?**
- Whine or whimper?**
- Climb or jump less?**
- Sleep more?**



If your pets show any of these symptoms, call Syosset Animal Hospital right away. Your pets need YOU to notice when they need a trip to see us. Together we can make a difference.



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