



Senior Pet

Health Assessment



A dog at 8 years or a cat at 10 years is over 56 years old in human terms!

Animals over these ages are classed as geriatrics. This is based on their internal metabolism, kidney function, heart function and general life expectancy. Remember one year in a cat's or dog's life is equivalent to 5-7 years in our lives.

At this stage we need to start being aware about the early detection and diagnosis of disease.

We care about your pet's health and want him/her to enjoy as long and healthy a life as possible without illness. We also know it is much less costly to detect problems early rather than to wait and treat an illness that may be more advanced later on.

The Senior Pet Health Assessment is FREE and is carried out by a qualified veterinary nurse who will give your pet a thorough examination, checking weight, body condition, teeth, eyes, ears, claws, etc. We request you bring a sample of your pet's urine to detect early kidney disease, as well as screening for many other diseases such as diabetes.

We would also recommend that a blood test be taken to give a better idea of how your pet's internal organs are functioning. This is available at a specially discounted price for older cats and dogs, if carried out at the same time as the Senior Pet Health Assessment.



Dogs and cats over 8 years also require a change in diet to suit their life stage. At this time the body is in decline and their diet should be changed to deal with this.

Older animals require a diet lower in protein, as the kidneys, which deal with the toxic breakdown products, are finding it more and more difficult to filter out these toxins. Reducing the amount of toxins the kidneys have to deal with extends the life of your pet.

Senior pets also require a diet lower in salt and phosphorus to reduce the stress on their hearts. High digestibility is also essential to enable your pet to absorb all the goodness it can from its food. This and much more will be discussed during the consultation.

We hope that you will take advantage of the FREE Senior Pet Health Assessment, as prevention is better than cure!

A more comprehensive health check including blood tests and clinical investigation is available at a specially discounted price.

For further information please ask at reception.