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Preventive Care- Cats

We strongly believe that the best way to keep your pet happy and healthy throughout their life is by following a Preventive Care Plan developed together with your pet's veterinarian, and tailored for your pet.

Though each animal is an individual and needs to have their overall health and risk factors evaluated by their veterinarian, we do have some general health guidelines for Preventive Care. The chart below shows the recommendations according to age, followed by an explanation of each of the items.

CATS	
Less than 10	Age 10 & Older (Senior)
Annual Preventive Health Exam	Annual Preventive Health Exam
Year round flea prevention (if outdoor cat)	Year round flea prevention (if outdoor cat)
Annual fecal test or dewormer treatment (if outdoor cat)	Annual fecal test or dewormer treatment (if outdoor cat)
Core Vaccinations (FVRCP)	Core Vaccinations (FVRCP)
Elective Vaccinations (Felv, Rabies) if indicated by exposure	Elective Vaccinations (Felv, Rabies) if indicated by exposure
	Annual blood and urine panel: (\$160-\$240)

Annual Preventive Health Exam:

During the Preventative Care Exam, the doctor will perform a complete "nose to tail" examination. They will check the eyes, ears, nose, throat, oral cavity and teeth, listen to the heart and lungs, palpate the abdomen, examine your pet's skin and coat, and more. Routine examinations give us an opportunity to develop a picture of your pet's overall health, and the information can help the doctor treat any future medical problems more appropriately.

This exam should be performed each year at a time when your pet is in good health. This is also an opportunity for you to ask general or specific questions about your pet. Use our Preventive Care Visit Worksheet to help gather your thoughts and questions about your pet's health, and to help you get the most out of your visit. An open discussion between you and your pet's doctor plays a vital role in your pet's health.

Parasite Prevention

Your veterinarian will help you evaluate your pet's exposure and environment to develop a parasite prevention program that is right for your pet and your household.

Fleas: If your cat is an outdoor cat, or has contact with an outdoor cat, we recommend that your pet be on a monthly flea prevention- all year round. In our mild climate, there is no "off season" for flea infestations. If it's not enough that fleas cause itchy bumps when they bite your pet, they can also give tapeworms to your pet.



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Fecal Test or Dewormer treatment: If your cat is an outdoor cat, or has contact with an outdoor cat, they should have an annual fecal test run to check for the presence of intestinal parasites, or be treated with a dewormer (such as Profender or Drontal). This is especially important for cats that hunt, since their prey items can pass on these intestinal parasites to your cat.

Vaccinations

Core Vaccinations: Vaccines are critical in preventing Feline Distemper. Your cat should be up to date on this immunization.

Elective Vaccinations: If your cat is an outdoor cat, or has contact with an outdoor cat, they should also be up to date on their Feline Leukemia Virus and Rabies Immunizations.

Senior Pets

If your cat is 10 years old or older, then he is considered a senior. We believe it is important to screen pets for serious health problems ahead of time, rather than wait for obvious signs of illness to develop at later stages. That's why we recommend that senior pets have a blood and urine panel run each year. And regular Preventive Care Exams throughout a pet's lifespan will help us establish a baseline so we can track health changes as your pet ages.