

## IMPORTANCE OF A SENIOR HEALTH SCREEN

Pets are living longer than ever before thanks to better pet foods, preventative health care, and advances in veterinary medicine. Although senior pets may not have the energy of youth, they still have plenty of love and companionship to offer.



Just like people, as your pet ages, organ function may begin to deteriorate. The purpose of wellness testing is to detect these problems early and institute treatment. In many cases early treatment may extend the length and quality of a pet's life.

**Maintaining the health of your senior pet also consists of preventative dental care to help avert periodontal disease from affecting the heart, liver, and kidneys.** More than 85% of dogs and cats over four years old have some form of periodontal disease, an inflammatory condition in which bacteria attacks the gums, ligament and bone tissues that surround and support the teeth. These bacteria not only can cause tooth loss, decay, and bad breath, but also can travel through the bloodstream and damage vital organs.

At IMAH we can examine your senior pet with a complete periodontal disease assessment. With our new state of the art dental suite we can treat the periodontal disease to increase the longevity of your family companion.



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## When Does 'Senior' Start?

The senior health screen is recommended for all patients over seven years old for dogs and over eight years old for cats. Pets that are exhibiting signs of illness such as increased thirst, increased urination, vomiting, diarrhea, poor hair coat, seizures, or unusual behaviors are encouraged to participate.

Some pets may appear very healthy until problems have progressed to an advanced stage. This program is designed to find these problems before they cause signs of illness.

Is your pet "Over 40"?					
Pet's Age	Dog (in pounds)				
	Cat	0-20	21-50	51-90	>90
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	

Relative Age of Your Pet in "Human Years"

■ Senior   ■ Geriatric

By participating in the Senior Health Screen you are taking an active role in the health and well-being of your senior pet. We recommend a semi-annual wellness exam plus every twelve months our professionals will obtain a thorough medical history and review changes you've observed.

*"Scheduling semi-annual senior health examinations is one of the most important steps you can take to keep your senior pet in optimum health!"*

## Senior Years

Our pets are very important to us, as they provide us companionship and unconditional love. As pet owners ourselves, we at **Iron Mountain Animal Hospital** are dedicated to helping our pets live longer with the best possible quality of life. As a result, we have designed a comprehensive health screen for our senior pets. The fact that our pets age more rapidly than we do allows diseases and other health problems to develop more rapidly. The best defense against these health problems are **awareness** and **prevention**. If we can spot the warning signs early on, we can help ensure your pet a smooth transition from their adult years to their senior years. These are just a few of the preventative tests we recommend to keep your senior companion healthy and happy.

### Senior Health Screen:

- Blood Chemistry (25 panels–Organ Function Screen)
- CBC (Complete Blood Count)
- T4 Blood Test (Thyroid Screen)
- Urinalysis
- Blood Pressure
- Cardiac proBNP Blood Screen (Early Heart Failure Screen)
- Tonometry Eye Pressure Test (Glaucoma Screen)

The cost of this complete program is \$

This is a savings of 20% off the regular price of these tests.



To help ensure the longevity of your family pet, call our office today at 906-774-5961 to take part in Iron Mountain Animal Hospital's Senior Health Screen.

Because their  
health counts...

