

Feline Senior Wellness Visit Check List

- Bring stool sample
 - Companion Animal Parasite Council recommends annual testing
 - Samples can be placed in any clean container or baggie or a pre-paid fecal collection container can be picked up at the clinic
 - Stool sample needs to be collected within 12 hours of the appointment
- Bring urine sample
 - Urinalysis is included in the Senior Screen
 - Urine collection kits can be picked up at the clinic
 - Sample needs to be collected within 4-6 hours of the appointment and stored in the refrigerator
 - If you would prefer, we can collect the urine sample from your cat during his/her visit with us at no additional charge.
- Bring any/all medications that your pet is currently taking
 - This includes over the counter and prescription medications (including heartworm/flea preventatives)
- Bring a list of any questions or concerns you may have regarding your pet's health
- Fill out enclosed Senior Questionnaire and bring with you to appointment. These questions are very important in order for us to understand and help improve your cat's quality of care.
- If you are planning on having the Senior Screen performed, it is recommended that your cat be fasted for 8 hours.

Tips for a more enjoyable visit

Using your carrier

- ✓ Leave cat carrier out and open in an easily accessible area for several days before the appointment
- ✓ Use a top loading carrier so your cat can easily be placed in carrier
- ✓ Once your cat is comfortable with the carrier, take him or her for a few short car rides, but make sure the experience is positive
- ✓ Reinforce your cat's positive associations with the carrier using treats, food and calm praise

Prior to your visit

- ✓ Bring along your cat's favorite toy. Put a towel or blanket inside the carrier that has the scent of family members, as well as your cat's smell
- ✓ Withhold food before the trip to reduce motion sickness
- ✓ Drape a blanket or towel over the carrier to reduce motion sickness

During your visit

- ✓ Once in our office, keep the carrier away from other animals, especially noisy or upset pets. Your lap is a good place for the carrier (your cat sees and smells you and is off the ground). You can ask to be placed in a quiet exam room as soon as possible
- ✓ Try to talk with the veterinarian that is examining your cat before the exam begins, perhaps relaying any changes in your cat's recent behavior. As you do so, your cat can become acclimated to the new surroundings.

NOTE: We currently offer "cat only" exams on Saturday mornings @ 8:00 and 8:30 to provide a less stressful environment.