

Care Animal Hospital Geriatric Screening Program

Care Animal Hospital has nearly 1500 patients, who have visited this year, that currently are considered geriatric by the chart below. As a new service to these dogs and cats, we will be offering a geriatric package that includes the following:

- Complete Blood Count
- Serum Chemistry Profile
- Thyroid Hormone Levels
- Feline Leukemia test for cats
- Feline Immunosuppressive Virus for cats
- Complete Urinalysis
- 2 Chest X-rays
- Glaucoma Pressure Test
- Electrocardiogram

The normal cost for these services is over **\$400** but will be offered as a package for **\$350**. These visits will be scheduled as a 15 minute morning appointment in which the doctor will do a physical exam and discuss with the owner any existing problems or concerns. The pet will then be kept in the hospital for the day for collection of the samples. When the animal is sent home in the afternoon, an appointment for 2 - 3 days in the future should be scheduled to come back and discuss the results; this should be a 30-minute appointment.

The following chart is to aid in determining who is a geriatric patient by allowing you to determine the pet's "human age":

Age	Animal's Weight in pounds			
	0-20	20-50	50-90	>90
6	40	42	45	49
7	44	47	50	56
8	48	51	55	64
9	52	56	61	71
10	56	60	66	78
11	60	65	72	86
12	64	69	77	93
13	68	74	82	101
14	72	78	88	108
15	76	83	93	115
16	80	87	99	123
17	84	92	104	
18	88	96	109	
19	92	101	115	
20	96	105	120	

	Senior
	Geriatric

Geriatric screening will allow us to identify problems like heart disease, hyperthyroidism, hypothyroidism, liver disease, kidney disease, diabetes and arthritis at an earlier stage. Treatment for these diseases is almost always more successful if identified early. The Geriatric Screen will also allow us to establish baseline values in our patients for later comparison.