



October is National Pet Wellness Month

On average most dogs and cats reach adulthood by age two.

By age four, many pets are entering middle age and by age seven most dogs; particularly larger breeds; are entering their senior years.

Because dogs and cats age seven times faster on average than people, significant health changes can occur in a short amount of time and the risks of cancer, diabetes, obesity, arthritis, heart disease, metabolic problems and other serious conditions all increase with age.

Like people, dogs and cats can benefit from routine wellness exams too but with one important difference - Pets age faster than people. You can read more at <http://www.npwm.com/home.htm>.

Here is a list of some of the most important health screenings for cats and dogs:

Pet wellness exam checklist



Adult dogs (1-6 years) **Additional exams for senior dogs**

(7+ years)

- Immunizations
- Parasites
- Heartworm check
- Dental health
- Blood panel (CBC)
- Chemistry panel
- Urinalysis
- Osteoarthritis check
- Chest radiograph
- Thyroid check

Adult cats (1-6 years) **Additional exams for senior cats**

(7+ years)

- Immunizations
- Parasite check
- Dental health
- Blood panel (CBC)
- Chemistry panel
- Urinalysis
- Osteoarthritis check
- Renal disease screen
- Thyroid check
- Blood pressure check

A well check every 6-12 months is very beneficial to detect and/or prevent early problems or injury to improve your pet's quality of life and help your pet enjoy a healthy life for years to come.

**Please call our office 208-855-9500
to schedule a well check for your pet this month and
have a safe and
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!**

