

## Senior Citizen

At six years of age or older, your pet has reached "senior canine citizen" status. And just like us, as our pets get older, they need a little extra attention, especially when it comes to preventive healthcare.

*In lab tests, one out of four senior dogs has an abnormal finding that often reveals an undetected illness.*

As they age, our senior family members are more susceptible to cancer, diabetes, heart and kidney disease, painful arthritis and many other conditions. While some pets show outward signs of these diseases, others appear perfectly healthy.

How can you better provide for your pets as they get older?

At Thomasville Veterinary Hospital we recommend annual exams for dogs and cats under the age of 7. After your pet passes the age of 7 we do recommend they be seen bi-annually for their senior wellness exam. By using a continuous wellness program, we use preemptive diagnostic testing to identify and treat illnesses that can be effectively managed if discovered early. If a problem or abnormality is identified in your pet during their senior wellness exam, your veterinarian may recommend additional radiographs and/or ultrasounds be performed. These tests and procedures also provide important initial data that helps us thoroughly monitor your pets' health throughout their lifetime.



*Thomasville Veterinary Hospital has earned full accreditation from the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). Our facility meets AAHA's high standards for patient care, medical and surgical procedures, diagnostics, hospital management and record keeping. We are regularly inspected by the organization to assure that all criteria for accreditation are maintained.*

## Thomasville Veterinary Hospital



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MONDAY - FRIDAY - 7:30 AM- 8:30 PM,  
SATURDAY - 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

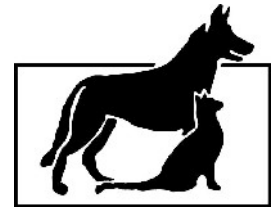
### EMERGENCY HOURS

We have a Doctor on site everyday until 2:00 am as well as a Doctor on call 24 hours a day for Emergency and Critical care services.

## Thomasville Veterinary Hospital

### Advanced Veterinary Care

*For Your Best Friends*



Quality, Compassion, & Trust

## Senior Wellness



## Senior Wellness Diagnostics

### Gold Standard

- a. Senior wellness exam (includes physical exam, intraocular pressure test, schimer tear test, rectal exam, & fundic exam.)
- b. Major panel w/ CBC
- c. Thyroid Hormone test (t-4)
- d. Abdominal Radiographs
- e. Urinalysis w/ sedimentation
- f. Abdominal Ultrasound

### Silver Level Two

- a. Senior wellness exam (includes physical exam, intraocular pressure test, schimer tear test, rectal exam, & fundic exam.)
- b. Major panel w/ CBC w/ (t-4)
- c. Abdominal Radiographs
- d. Urinalysis w/ sedimentation

### Bronze Level Three

- a. Senior wellness exam (includes physical exam, intraocular pressure test, schimer tear test, rectal exam, & fundic exam.)
- b. Major panel w/ CBC

### Senior Cardiac Bundle

- a. Senior wellness exam (includes physical exam, intraocular pressure test, schimer tear test, rectal exam, & fundic exam.)
- b. Major panel w/ CBC
- c. Thyroid Hormone test (t-4)
- d. Chest Radiographs & Echocardiogram
- e. Senior EKG
- f. Senior Blood Pressure Check



## Some Signs of Hidden Illness in Senior Pets

- Limping or stiffness after daily exercise.
- Abnormal growths or unusual bumps.
- Decreased tolerance for exercise.
- Abnormal breathing patterns.
- Changes in urination, thirst or appetite.
- Unusual changes in weight, skin, and hair.

Periodic preventative senior healthcare is the best way to avoid these problems. Start by scheduling a senior wellness exam for your pet today.



## Problems that Effect Aging Pets

- **Cancerous Masses** – These are most commonly associated with aging felines and large breed canines. However, they can be a serious problem with any senior pet.
- **Heart Failure** – With pets facing problems with heart failure, early diagnosis is critical. The life expectancy of your pet can be extended if the illness is diagnosed in its early stages.
- **Dental Disease** – This is the #1 health disorder in senior pets. Only by performing regular dental examinations will your veterinarian be able to keep periodontal disease under control.
- **Kidney and Liver Disease** – The Kidneys and Liver are particularly important organs in your pet's body. Though we can sometimes feel abnormal lumps and changes in size or shape during a physical exam, laboratory test are usually necessary to help us determine how these key organs are functioning.

