

VERY IMPORTANT PET CARE SAVINGS PROGRAM

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PUPPY / KITTEN PACKAGE

Puppies / Kittens up to 12 Months

- 1 Wellness Exam
- 1 Ailment Exam
- 25% Savings on Spay or Neuter
- 25% Savings on Deworming & Intestinal Parasite Test
- Savings on Heartgard Plus 12 Month
- Monthly Complimentary Nail Trims

ADULT PACKAGE

Dogs / Cats 1-6 Years

- 1 Wellness Exam
- 1 Ailment Exam
- 25% Savings on Dental Cleaning or Outpatient Procedure
- 25% Savings on Annual Diagnostic Tests
- Savings on Heartgard Plus 12 Month
- Monthly Complimentary Nail Trims

SENIOR PACKAGE

Dogs / Cats 7 Years & Older

- 1 Wellness Exam
- 1 Ailment Exam
- 25% Savings on Dental Cleaning or Outpatient Procedure
- 25% Savings on Annual Diagnostic Tests
- Savings on Heartgard Plus 12 Month
- Monthly Complimentary Nail Trims



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Aging Gracefully

Special Care for Senior Wellness



Pets these days can live long, happy lives when special attention is given to Senior Wellness.

Advancements in veterinary care along with special attention to diet, exercise and environmental conditions go a long way in promoting longevity in pets.

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When Arthritis Sets In...

Creaky joints, stiffness, pain.

Dogs and even cats get arthritis.

Intermittent limping, reluctance to exercise, stiffness upon rising and even licking painful joints can be signs of arthritis.

There are several paths to arthritis relief.

Glucosamines taken orally can help with the onset of arthritis.

Anti-inflammatory drugs available by prescription can help relieve inflammation and arthritis-associated pain.

Omega fatty acid supplements can also aid relief. Advanced cases may benefit from steroids, surgery or even stem cell treatment.

Animal physical therapists also offer treatments to help with arthritis.

Special Care as Arthritis Sets In Will Help Your Pet Breathe a Sigh of Relief!





Chester checks in...



Hey,
Everybody -

Isn't it great?! Warm weather is finally here and the kids are getting out of school.

At my house that can mean only one thing... UNLIMITED TREATS!!

With 4 kids, no one knows who has already given me a treat, so everyone is a soft touch.

Except for Dad, of course. No one ever accused him of being too generous with dog treats.

So, all I can say about kids on vacation is WOO HOO!!

- Chester

Frosty Watermelon Dog Treats

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups seedless watermelon (pureed)

1 cup coconut water or milk

1 tablespoon honey (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Scoop out SEEDLESS watermelon. Add to blender and puree until smooth.
2. Add coconut water/milk and honey to blender and pureed watermelon. Blend well.
3. Pour into hard plastic ice cube trays and cover with plastic wrap or bag to avoid spillage. If you use silicone bone molds, you'll need something flat to lay them on. Before you pour, put the silicone mold on something flat that you can move to your freezer, like a cutting tray or a piece of cardboard.
4. Freeze overnight.
5. To remove from tray, let sit on counter for a few minutes to loosen frozen treat. Twist tray to remove treat from mold.



FOXTAIL ALERT!

They're out and about, and can get caught in ears, noses, paws, eyes and even throats.

Foxtails burrow deeply into pet flesh and can cause infection and tissue damage.



Always check fur after being outdoors.

Get a trim, especially around ears and between paw toes.

Watch for head shaking, sneezing, scratching, pawing and coughing.

If your pet gets a Foxtail, get to the vet!



Now THAT'S funny!



Aging Gracefully

Here are some considerations for keeping pets happy and healthy starting at about Age 7:

- **Schedule Semi-Annual Veterinary Visits**
Increase frequency of visits along with more in-depth exams, including bloodwork, XRays, and specific assessments of physical signs of ailments.
- **Feed a Nutritious Diet**
Transition to food that are more easily digested, with different calorie levels and anti-aging nutrients. Senior food is higher in fiber and lower in calories and fat, and is formulated for a slower metabolism. Add fish oil to protect joints and internal organs.
- **Exercise!**
Dogs may slow down, but they still need exercise to keep them healthy physically and mentally. Try low impact activity, like walking on soft surfaces and, where possible, swimming.
- **Keep Weight in Check**
Fluctuations in weight in older dogs and cats increase risk of health problems. Extra pounds mean more stress on an aging body. Weight loss can indicate underlying disease. Maintain a vet-recommended exercise and diet plan, and replace large meals with a few smaller ones.
- **Practice Good Dental Care**
Regular dental visits are especially important for Senior Dogs. Tartar build up can lead to gingivitis, which can cause bacteria to enter the bloodstream and impact internal organs. Watch for changes in eating habits that can signal mouth pain. Try brushing at home and provide chew toys that are beneficial to teeth and gums. Schedule professional cleanings as recommended by a veterinarian.
- **Adapt Environments**
Aging pets may need adjustments to their living areas, such as not climbing stairs, or spending more time indoors. Keep a watchful eye on challenges that weren't there before.



The best defense that a pet has against debilitating aging is YOU!

Be vigilant about changes in bodies and behavior, and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

With companionship, comfort and care, pets can age gracefully, too!

Pet Success

Colby

Colby the Golden Retriever was experiencing poor appetite, stringy saliva and listlessness.

To get to the source of Colby's problem, we checked for fever and listened to his heart and lungs. His gums were pale and abdomen was swollen, which can indicate an enlarged spleen or fluid in the abdomen.

XRays and Ultrasound revealed what appeared to be a hematoma or tumor on Colby's spleen, an organ that stores blood cells and cleans toxins from the blood. This condition is most common in large or giant breed dogs, such as Retrievers, German Shepherds or St. Bernards.

Colby underwent a Splenectomy, during which we removed his spleen and submitted it to a veterinary pathologist for further analysis. His results came back clean, and soon Colby was on the way to full recovery, since dogs without spleens can live normal and happy lives.

Colby's a lucky guy because his parents are the best kind...vigilant and loving!



Catch these Senior Pet Ailments early!

- Arthritis
- Dental Disease
- Hearing and Vision Loss
- Obesity and Diabetes
- Joint or Bone Disease
- Kidney / Urinary Tract Disease
- Liver Disease
- Heart Disease
- Cancer

Early detection can lead to helpful treatment!!

