

Senior Pet Screening Programme

Early detection of your cat's health could improve the quality of their life now and in the future

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Wheelhouse Senior Pet Screening Programme

Research over years has shown that the ageing process can affect cats' health once they reach 8 years of age. The effects of this process can often be very subtle, but can be picked up at an early stage, giving you the opportunity to maintain your pet's quality of life.

When you live with your pet day in day out it's quite difficult to notice subtle changes in their condition. It is easy to dismiss important changes as 'just getting old'. Our aim is to help you to recognise and understand these signs and help you to manage the transition into, and through the senior phase of your pet's life.

Symptoms of Getting Older

Common Signs Seen in Senior Pets.

All pets get older:-

- ✿ **Difficulty moving about**
- ✿ **Bad breath, bloody gums and other oral problems**
- ✿ **Gaining/losing weight**
- ✿ **Lumps, bumps and other skin problems**
- ✿ **Behaviour issues**

It is so easy to see that animals are affected by age in similar ways to us humans.

Pets age much more quickly than we do, remember 1 human year is roughly equivalent to 7 pet years.

By the time your pet reaches 8 years old this equates to a 56 year old human!



How can we help?

- ❄️ **Wellness overview** - a chance for you to tell your vet about any changes of behaviour or physical appearance you have noticed. Use our checklist ‘Symptoms of Getting Older’ as a reminder of the changes you should be looking out for.
- ❄️ **Hands on physical examination** - your vet will palpate or feel your pet's musculoskeletal system, abdomen, and head and neck areas for abnormalities. A stethoscope will be used to listen to your pet's heart and lungs. Your pet's eyes, ears, and mouth will also be checked for age-related problems, such as cataracts, dental problems, and ear disease.
- Diagnostic tests** - such as blood work, urinalysis and blood pressure monitoring.

Quite simply, our aim is to give your pet a full and detailed “Body MOT” All of your pet's results will be presented to you and are explained in easy to understand terms – rather than “medical jargon – helping you to understand the current picture of your pet's health.

What do we screen for?

- Kidney Function
- Liver Health
- Dental Disease
- Thyroid Level
- Diabetes
- Mobility and Arthritis Check
- Blood Pressure Check
- Body Scoring, Weight Check and Diet Review
- Eye/Ear Disease
- Full Blood Count
- Electrolyte Balance
- Nails/Skin Check
- Cholesterol

Test	Normal Cost
40 Minute veterinary examination	£101
General health blood test and urinalysis	£139
Blood pressure monitoring	£59
Cystocentesis (to get urine sample)	£29
Normal package price	£328
Senior screen price	£125
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Your Questions Answered

- **Why should I have this wellness screen for my pet?**
Research shows that (just as in humans) the ageing process can have many different effects on the body. Ultimately, we want to give you the opportunity to gain peace of mind that everything is being done to keep your pet fit and healthy for as long as possible. These screening tests allow us to pick up problems far earlier than when symptoms start to show
- **What age does he/she have to be?**
All pets from the age of 8 are eligible for the reduced cost screening programme
- **What is included in the package?**
As well as the tests highlighted in the table above, you will be given a 'Senior pack' which will include food samples and information relating to your pet
- **How long will I be at the surgery?**
You will be in consultation for approximately 40 minutes
- **How and when will I get my pet's results?**
You will receive a phone call to discuss the results within 5 working days
- **What happens if we detect a problem with any of the tests?**
If any abnormalities are detected on the blood screens then the vet will give you a call to discuss the results
- **My pet is on the Wheelhouse Healthcare Scheme – do I get a discount like I do with other preventative products?**
The screening programme has been heavily discounted already so unfortunately we are unable to provide further discounts
- **How do I book my pet's appointment?**
It's simple, just contact your usual surgery and the reception team will deal with everything for you
- **What should I do before my appointment?**
Fill out the questionnaire that will be emailed to you.



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