

Feline

We're so glad you brought your pet in for a routine wellness visit that includes screening tests. Running these tests every year helps us understand what's normal for your pet as well as screen for common conditions. Subtle changes in your pet's test results can signal the presence of disease even before any outward signs of illness can be seen.

Routine wellness visits help your pet live a healthier life

Screening tests help us catch potential health issues earlier and may help you avoid additional costs associated with treatments if disease goes undetected. **Here's what we looked at during your pet's visit and why:**

Blood

A complete blood count (CBC) tells us if your pet is fighting an infection or has some bleeding problems. A blood test can also find diseases spread by ticks and mosquitoes.

Thyroid

If the thyroid glands aren't releasing the right amount of hormones, your pet's metabolism could be affected.

Heart and lungs

Infection or disease can make it difficult for your pet's heart and lungs to deliver enough oxygen-rich blood to the body.

Pancreas and intestines

Problems with these digestive organs may be due to an inflamed pancreas, diabetes, or some types of cancers.

Liver

Your pet's liver may have trouble managing proteins, fat, digestion, and waste. These problems could be caused by disease, a blockage, or even medication.



Kidneys

SDMA* testing detects kidney disease earlier than other types of kidney tests.¹⁻³ Results also reflect other diseases your pet may have that affect the kidneys.

Urine

Urine tests tell us if your pet has problems like infection or stones in the kidneys or bladder. They can also tell us about some cancers.

*Symmetric dimethylarginine.

References are available at idexx.com/sdma

Next visit:

1. Support a healthy lifestyle with proper nutrition and exercise.
2. Schedule your pet's next routine wellness exam
3. Learn more at pethealthnetwork.com/pettests

We're here for you and your cat. Please reach out if you have any questions about your cat's nutrition, behavior, or health.

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Wellness Discount Package Comparison

Feline Junior Screening (1-8 years old)		Feline Senior screening (8+ years old)	
Package cost	\$205.00	Package cost	\$260.00
Total value	\$333.00	Total value	\$423.00
Total Savings	\$128.00	Total Savings	\$163.00

Includes:	Regular Cost:	Includes:	Regular Cost:
Wellness Exam	\$55.00	Wellness Exam	\$55.00
Bloodwork (Chem25/CBC)	\$150.00	Bloodwork (Chem 25/CBC)	\$150.00
Urinalysis	\$58.00	Urinalysis	\$58.00
SDMA Kidney Function Test	\$30.00	SDMA Kidney Function Test	\$30.00
Fecal Antigen	\$40.00	Fecal Antigen	\$40.00
		T4 (Thyroid)	\$55.00
		Blood Pressure	\$35.00

-A Comprehensive Physical Examination can detect any physical changes that may require preventive measures. This includes eyes, ears, nose, oral and throat exam, heart and lung auscultation, gentle abdominal palpation, evaluation of coat and skin condition, body weight and temperature, external parasite check, and more. Because cats and dogs age quicker than us, taking them to the veterinarian once a year is like you going once in five to seven years!

-Annual blood testing will give us important information on kidney and liver values, diabetes, blood protein levels, and electrolyte levels. We recommend testing thyroid function in senior pets.

-Urine samples help us screen for abnormal cells, blood, bacteria, crystals, and more. They also help us assess kidney health. If you are not able to collect a urine sample at home, there are several ways that we can obtain the sample for you.

-SDMA is an early damage Kidney Function test. This can help us detect changes BEFORE they become a problem.

-Fecal Antigen Testing - The Center of Disease Control recommends fecal testing for intestinal parasites yearly. This is necessary with your examination especially if your pet travels or is around other animals. Intestinal parasites may also be contagious to humans

-A Blood Pressure Check is recommended for senior cats as hypertension is a common old age ailment. This can be performed quickly and painlessly during your cat's office visit.