

Some warning signs that may indicate your pet is beginning to suffer from age related problems:

- * Bad breath, red and swollen gums
- * Lameness, reluctance to walk or exercise
- * Decreased stamina
- * Noticeable weight change
- * Decreased appetite
- * Increased thirst and urination
- * Lumps or irritated skin
- * Vomiting or diarrhea

Our senior program consists of many different tests that help determine what your pet may specifically need.



Yes, it's true. Your seven year old cat is really 44 (and counting) and your seven year old dog is anywhere from 46 to 59. Now many of us are also somewhere in that range and we don't necessarily feel senior; however, I bet most of us are wearing bifocals and are maybe just a tad slower moving from a kneeling position to a standing position or maybe on some medication because something's just not working the way it used to. The point is our pets are beginning to experience age-related changes, too. Before taking a look at some of our very informative baseline blood tests, take a look at some warning signs that may indicate your pet is beginning to suffer from age related problems.

Senior Pet Wellness Program



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The Senior Pet Program helps the Doctors at Silver Maple to decide what the best course of treatment is for your specific pet. Below is a list of what our Senior Wellness Program offers.

- Physical Exam- A good physical exam can tell the doctor many important things about your pet.
- Complete Blood Count- This common test measures the number of red blood cells, white blood cells, and platelets in a given sample of blood. The numbers and types of these cells can help the Veterinarian monitor your pets response to some treatments.
- Urinalysis-Testing the urine is a tool used to detect the presence of one or more specific substances that normally do not appear in the urine, such as protein, sugar, white or red blood cell. A measurement of the dilution and concentration of urine is also very helpful in diagnosing disease.

- Blood Chemistry Panel: (Chem 12/Electrolytes). Blood Chemistry panels measure electrolytes, enzymes, and chemical elements such as calcium and phosphorus. This information helps us determine how various organs such as the pancreas, liver and kidneys are currently functioning.
- Parasite (fecal) Evaluation: Testing your pets' stool can provide information about many kinds of diseases, such as difficulty with digestion, internal bleeding and disorders of the pancreas. Most importantly, this test confirms the presence of intestinal parasites, such as roundworms, hookworms, whipworms, tapeworms and giardia.
- T4 (feline friends only): Hyperthyroidism is one of the most common diseases in middle aged and older cats. It is a multi-system disorder produced by an enlarged thyroid gland. The cost for this test is \$52.05.

**BY TAKING
ADVANTAGE OF
OUR SENIOR PET
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WILL SAVE UP TO
\$90.00.**

If you have a pet over the age of seven and think you may be interested in participating in our Senior Pet Wellness Program, Please contact one of our Silver Maple staff members. For more details You can also visit our website:

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