Protect your cat or dog with wellness visits

Twice-yearly wellness exams are important for keeping your cat or dog in tip-top shape. Your veterinarian will ask questions like those below to develop a wellness program that’s right for your pet and may include important screenings included in the wellness checklist.

Crucial questions about your cat or dog

**QUESTIONS FOR DOG OWNERS**
1. Does your dog come into contact with other people’s pets?
2. Do you ever forget to give your dog its monthly heartworm dose?
3. Is there wildlife in your area, including deer, squirrels, raccoons, or skunks?
4. Has your dog ever experienced behavioral problems?

**QUESTIONS FOR CAT OWNERS**
1. Have you ever seen fleas or ticks on your cat?
2. Does your cat go outside?
3. What is the total number of other pets in your household?
4. Has your cat ever suffered an injury requiring emergency care?

Wellness checklist

**ADULT DOGS (1 TO 6 YEARS)**

- Immunizations
- Parasite check
- Heartworm check
- Dental health
- Blood panel
- Chemistry panel
- Urinalysis

**ADDITIONAL EXAMS FOR SENIOR DOGS (7+ YEARS)**

- Osteoarthritic check
- Chest radiograph
- Thyroid check

**ADULT CATS (1 TO 6 YEARS)**

- Immunizations
- Parasite check
- Heartworm check
- Dental health
- Blood panel
- Chemistry panel
- Urinalysis

**ADDITIONAL EXAMS FOR SENIOR CATS (7+ YEARS)**

- Osteoarthritis check
- Renal disease screen
- Thyroid check
- Blood pressure check

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