

## Why is your dog's routine wellness visit so important?

Routine wellness visits are a great way to help your dog live a healthy life for as long as possible. These visits can also help us catch potential health issues earlier and may help you avoid additional costs associated with treatments if disease goes undetected.

### A typical wellness visit might include:

#### A physical exam

Your dog will be thoroughly evaluated for changes in their oral health, body condition, joint health, ear and eye health, and skin/coat quality. If any abnormality is observed, it can be a sign of illness and/or disease.

#### Diagnostic screening tests

Testing your dog's blood, feces, and urine can help us to detect, manage and track their overall health, allowing us to have an advantage on early onset of illness and disease.

#### A review of results

We have the ability to evaluate results and compare any change that occurs in between testing. Any change can act as an early warning sign of health problems that can be managed medically by your veterinarian.



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## Wellness visits for your dog's health



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## What we look at during a visit and why



### BLOOD

A complete blood count (CBC) can inform us if your dog's immune system is fighting off an infection or if they are suffering from a blood disorder. A blood test is a simple way to find many diseases including those spread by ticks and mosquitos, such as heartworm disease.



### FECES

Fecal testing tells us if your dog has internal parasites such as roundworms, hookworms, whipworms, and tapeworms. These parasites can become a problem to not only your dog, but to people too!



### URINE

A urinalysis provides us a window to your pet's overall kidney and bladder health. By testing the urine, we can determine if your dog is suffering from kidney disease, bladder crystals/stones, or a urinary tract infection...to name a few.



## To help your dog enjoy a happy, healthy life, preventive care visits includes the following:

Dogs	Young	Adult	Senior
<b>Basic Chemistry Profile</b> A blood chemistry profile, including SDMA, provides information about your dog's organ functions, as well as other functions of the body, such as blood sugar and hydration. A CBC can identify infection, inflammation, and anemia.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Infectious Disease Screening</b> This screening identifies whether your dog has been exposed to heartworm or other important tick-borne diseases.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Fecal Test</b> An examination of feces for intestinal parasites and Giardia.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Advanced Chemistry Profile</b> A blood chemistry profile that provides deeper insight than the basic chemistry profile. The profile provides information into your dog's organs including liver, kidney, gall bladder, and pancreatic function, as well as blood gases.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Thyroid Function Test</b> A thyroid function test detects whether or not your dog's thyroid gland is functioning properly. Thyroid disease is very common in older dogs.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Complete Urinalysis</b> This analysis assesses the overall health of your dog's urinary tract, including the kidneys and bladder. It identifies infection or inflammation in the urinary tract.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>