

WELL KITTY CARE

"I want my cat to live forever"

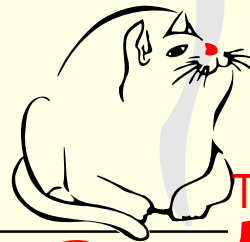
..we all do. Although an immortal feline life isn't possible, a healthy life is possible for your cat. Every year, you get a reminder from The Cat Practice telling you that your feline family member is due his or her annual physical exam, indicated vaccinations, and test for internal parasites. And these reminders have been the most veterinary hospitals have done for a long time.

However, recommendations and protocols change as new knowledge and research evolve and become mainstream. And it is our duty at The Cat Practice, Louisiana's only board certified feline practice, to communicate those advances to you. We now have a new recommendation to add to your cat's routine health care that we



think will contribute significantly to the overall wellness and quality of life of your feline buddy.

Based on the recommendations of the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) and the Academy of Feline Medicine (AFM), The Cat Practice now suggests diagnostic testing beyond what a routine physical examination could reveal.



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JUNIOR WELLNESS PROFILE

(ages 2-8)

Our Junior Wellness Profile includes the following tests: a feline heartworm disease test, an internal parasite check, a urinalysis, a Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) test. In conjunction with a comprehensive physical exam (which emphasizes not only physical abnormalities, but concentrates on common



areas of problems of young cats like oral health, external parasites,

preventive medicine, and behavioral issues), we feel that this package can not only provide early intervention into problems we see in the younger cat, but can help us better manage your cat's health status and practice solid preventive medicine for your cat.

SENIOR CARE

(ages 9 and up)

It is the recommendation of the AFM and AAFP to have all cats over 10 years of age be given a physical examination and have a

comprehensive history taken every six months¹. For our senior kitties, the semiannual visits are designed by us to screen for behavioral, physical, and nutritional problems. We can often become suspicious of medical problems in your cat just by talking to you about your cat's habits and behavior, as well as by examining him or her for signs of illness.

But, there is always the possibility that illness is hidden in your cat that is impossible to detect by even a complete medical consult or a physical exam in an older animal. So, based on the combined guidelines of the two organizations, we have developed an annual Senior Wellness Profile that emphasizes detection of diabetes, hypertension (high blood pressure), thyroid disease, anemia, and electrolyte imbalances. The Senior Wellness Profile also focuses strongly on the biggest killer of our senior feline friends, kidney disease. In fact, we do a combination of blood and urine tests in the



Senior Wellness Profile to try to detect kidney disease in its earliest stages so we can intervene areas of problems of young cats like oral health, external parasites,

and give your feline family member the best quality of life for as long as we can. But, this is possible only with early detection. It is truly the focus of the Senior Wellness Profile to detect medical problems in your cat before they become clinical illnesses.



Both the Junior and Senior Wellness Profiles emphasize disease common to the age ranges of the patients for which they were designed. And, both packages result in a significant cost savings over the costs of the individual tests in the packages if done separately. This is our way of encouraging you to take the best care of your cat that you possibly can. These Wellness Profiles can be done at the time of your cat's annual visit or at any time during the year. Please call us to schedule these important medical services for your beloved feline family member. As with all good preventive medicine, early detection and intervention are the most successful routes to a long and happy life for your cat.

1. Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery; Vol. 7, Issue 1; February 2005