

# Senior Wellness Screening



## **Senior Pet Wellness: Why Labwork Matters**

### Early Detection Saves Lives!

As pets age, their health needs change. Dogs and cats are considered seniors around 7 years old (even younger for large breed dogs). Just like humans, their risk of developing silent illnesses – including **kidney disease**, **thyroid imbalance**, **and cancer** – increases with age.

That is why **annual labwork** is one of the most powerful tools we have to help your pet live a longer, healthier life.

## What's Included in Senior Lab Screening?

#### 1. CBC (Complete Blood Count)

Checks for:

- o Infections
- o Anemia
- Inflammation
- Blood Cancers
- Platelet Counts (important for clotting)

Useful in detecting early infections, immune conditions, or blood-related disorders.

### 2. Chemistry Panel (Organ Function Testing)

#### **Evaluates:**

- Liver and kidney health
- Electrolyte balance
- Blood sugar levels
- o Protein and cholesterol levels

Helps detect diabetes, kidney disease, liver problems, and more – **before symptoms appear.** 

## 3. T4 (Thyroid Hormone Test)

- Cats: Screens for hyperthyroidism (very common in aging cats)
- o **Dogs:** Screens for **hypothyroidism** (common in dogs)

Thyroid imbalance can affect metabolism, energy, weight, coat health, and even behavior.

### 4. Urinalysis (UA)

#### Analyzes:

- Kidney function
- Urinary tract infections (UTIs)
- Crystals or early bladder stones
- o Diabetes indicators (like glucose in urine)

A simple, non-invasive way to gain valuable insight into urinary and kidney health.

### 5. Lymphoma Cancer Screening

#### Prevalance:

- o Accounts for approximately 15-20% of all cancers in dogs.
- o Accounts for up to 33% of all cancers in felines

#### Where can Lymphoma be found?

- Lymph nodes
- o Liver & Spleen
- Gastrointestinal tract (stomach/intestines)
- Chest cavity
- Skin or nervous system

Because it can be internal and not visibly obvious, labwork and early diagnostics are key to catching it in time.

### The Benefits of Screening

- ✓ Detect illness before symptoms appear
- ✓ Make more informed decisions about treatment and lifestyle
- ✓ Improve your pet's quality of life and longevity

### SENIOR SCREENING \$100 OFF OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

Call to schedule your appointment today!

