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GERIATRIC WELLNESS PROFILE

From September 2005 through March 2006, we are offering a special Geriatric Wellness Profile for dogs and cats over the age of 6 years. As your animals begin to age, it is pertinent that they be examined on a more frequent basis. At Beckett and Associates, we understand that your older pets have different medical needs. With our Geriatric Wellness Profile, your animal will receive:

- Wellness exam
- Blood Pressure check
- Complete Blood Count (CBC)
- Blood Chemistry
- T4 Check
- Urinalysis
- Chest/Abdominal X-Ray
- Nutritional Consult
- Nail Trim
- Ear Cleaning

The Wellness Exam, a significant part of any animal's healthy wellbeing, will allow us to pay special attention to your pets' heart, lungs, teeth, and weight. We will also perform a number of blood tests, in order to ensure that the vital organs of your pet are strong and functioning properly. A T4 test will check for any abnormalities of the thyroid hormone. Proper function of the thyroid gland is important for your animal's appropriate metabolism.

The blood chemistry screening will help to locate problems with the animals' glucose levels, kidneys, liver, and pancreas to name a few. The Complete Blood Count will indicate the amount of white and red blood cells. In turn, that level could identify any internal organ changes that your pet may have.

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What's New:

- **Make an appointment today for your pets' geriatric wellness profile. Drop them off, pick them up, and we do the rest!**

When a urinalysis is done on your pet during a Geriatric Wellness Profile, the tests will reveal the protein, glucose, and ketone levels of your pets' urine. Specific gravity will check to see if your pets' kidneys are filtering properly. A urinalysis is also important, as it will give us a baseline to what your pets' normal values are. Thus, if your pet ever has a problem, we can compare these normal values with future blood test results. Chest and abdominal x-rays are done to assess the heart and lungs, as well as to search for any abnormalities or masses.

A nutritional consult is important for an older animal, as their metabolism is changing along with the aging process. The doctor will discuss treatment plans if necessary. These treatments may range from a change of diet to a variety of supplements.

At the end of the day when the wellness profile is complete, one of our doctors will go over all of the test results, as well as a complete wrap-up of everything that was done. Depending on the results, recommendations and suggestions will be made for your pets' benefit.

We ask that on the day of your pets' appointment, they be dropped off at 7:30 a.m. and picked up after 3 p.m.

