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SENIOR PETS NEED MORE

Have you recently noticed your animal is slowing down? At Beckett and Associates, we believe that older pets have different medical needs. That is why we offer specialized services especially for your loving animal. For every one year of human life, your pet will age 5-7 years. That is why you may begin to notice more problems as time progresses in your animals' life.



The biggest factor in keeping an older animal healthy is to ensure that your animal is on the proper nutrition diet. With age, metabolism slows down and foods may need to be changed in order to meet your pets' specific needs. Prescription diets are often an easy way to keep your animal healthy and moving around. If your pet happens to have a specific health problem, many times a prescription diet can help to support the condition and in turn, prolong your pets' life.

By changing your furry companion's diet, you can also decrease the risk of heart disease and arthritis. Nutrition is also plays an important role in your pets' coat and skin quality.

Having your pets teeth checked regularly can also help to avoid a wide range of problems. Sometimes our doctors will recommend that your pet have a dental, which means your animal will be dropped off in the morning, and have a full oral work up, including fluoride.

Having a dental is an important part of caring

What's New:

- **As our pets get older, we have a lot to keep in mind in order for them to stay healthy. Here is some information on those senior pets that we love so much.**

for your older pet. Bacteria from dirty teeth can travel to the heart and kidneys. This can be the beginning of bad news. Another sign of needing a dental is bad breath.

Lumps and bumps are also common on older animals. Sometimes the doctor will find some that you, as an owner, are unaware of. It is important to have these changes looked at, as they may be a sign of something serious. Often times, these masses can be secondary to a problem occurring within the animals' system.

The vet will also be sure to examine your pets' eyes. Sometimes cataracts or masses can unexpectedly show up.

We all know that creaky joints are another part of the aging process. The same rings true for your pets. Arthritis can develop in both dogs and cats. Fortunately, with the doctors' guidance, there are a number of therapies available to help minimize the pain and discomfort that arthritis brings. From a change in lifestyle, to a change in diet, or even an injection, don't let arthritis get the best of your pet.

At Beckett and Associates, we feel very strongly about senior pets having semi-annual physical exams. Be sure to give your pets all the love they need as they go through the aging process. Call our office today to make your pets' next appointment!