



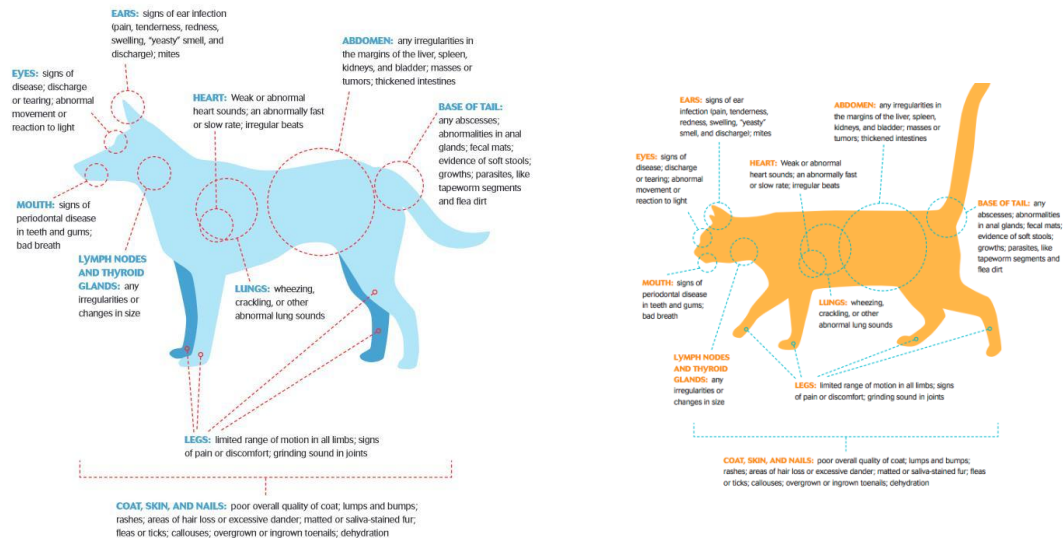
Reasons your pet (and you) will benefit from an annual veterinary check-up

even if they're not due for a vaccination this year

1. An annual wellness checkup can help reassure you that your pet is healthy or help us detect hidden diseases or conditions early.
2. Early detection can improve the prognosis of many diseases, keep medical costs down and help your pet live longer.
3. Many dogs and cats are good at hiding signs that something is wrong. A stoic pet may experience prolonged pain without showing any symptoms at all
4. Dogs and cats age 6-7x quicker than humans, so it is even more crucial for our companion animals to receive regular exams.
5. The risks of arthritis, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, hormone disorders, and kidney and liver problems all increase with age.
6. As pets enter their geriatric years, check-ups every 6 months can provide significant benefits to quality of life. Don't mistake joint pain and other ailments as unavoidable facts of aging. Many conditions are easily treated.
7. Staying current on vaccinations can prevent some pretty horrible diseases. For healthy pets, the benefits of vaccination far outweigh any associated risks. Look to your vet for the best vaccination protocol for your individual pet and their lifestyle.

What to Expect from a Physical Exam

An annual exam is your pet's best chance for a long and healthy life. These extensive assessments can uncover problems before they become obvious to your family. Information from your pet's history and physical exam helps the Veterinarians determine whether additional diagnostic tests could be useful throughout the coming year. When Vets gently push, pull, and poke your pet, they are checking out the major body systems looking for, but hoping not to find, conditions such as these:



References: <https://veterinarygeneral.com/services/adult-pet-wellness/> and <http://steepleschaseveterinarianhospital.com/services/physical-exam/>

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