

# YOUR PET'S SENIOR CITIZEN CARD



Senior pets are special, and they require special care to live long and healthy lives. The senior card we have given you for your pet has six tests or procedures on it that are all important for your pet's health as he/she ages. All tests can be done at different visits. If all senior tests are done at the same visit, \$50 will be taken off the total price.

- **GHP (blood panel):** This is an extremely useful tool at looking inside your pet's body. It detects liver, kidney and gall bladder problems, checks protein levels and also checks for diabetes. Many problems can be found and treated before the pet ever shows signs or gets sick.
- **CBC (complete blood count):** This is another blood test that is very useful. It detects anemia, infections, clotting disorders, and more.
- **EKG:** Checking the heart for abnormalities can be found by simply placing 3 small relatively painless probes on your pet for just a few minutes.
- **Urinalysis:** Testing the urine of your senior pet can find problems such as urinary tract infections, bladder crystals/stones, diabetes, and kidney problems.
- **X-rays:** Taking an internal "picture" of your senior pet's chest and/or abdomen can look at the size of the heart and can sometimes see cancerous growths or masses. X-rays of the bones can see arthritis or degenerating bone. Your pet may have an individual need that needs to be accessed.
- **Thyroid test:** Many senior dogs develop Hypothyroid disease and may or may not show signs. Advanced stages can cause hair loss, anemia, inactivity, weight gain, and many other problems. Senior cats can develop Hyperthyroid disease, in which they tend to ravenously eat and still become very skinny. Many complications can occur including high blood pressure and heart problems. Thyroid tests are easily done by drawing a blood sample.