



October 2017 Newsletter

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# Spotlight on Senior Pets

Is your pet a senior?



Senior at 7? It's true; at seven years of age, our pets are considered to be entering their senior years. In giant breed dogs, senior care starts at 5. Your pet may seem healthy well into its senior years. However, many problems common to senior pets may not present symptoms until disease is quite progressed or your pet is seriously ill.

The earlier we catch a problem, the earlier we can intervene. As your pet's health care team, our ultimate goal is to keep your furry family members healthy and happy for as long as possible. We follow the American Animal Hospital Association recommendations for senior wellness care. Annual recommendations for healthy pets include a complete blood count, blood chemistries, fecal analysis, urinalysis including sediment exam, and total

thyroid level. Further individual recommendations (depending on species and breed) may include blood pressure measurement, glaucoma screening, FeLV/FIV testing, heartworm testing, chest x-rays, or other screens. Senior pets should also receive a complete physical exam at least twice per year. Additional monitoring is recommended for pets with known health concerns.

**Did you know: if your senior pet has already had their annual office exam, their 6 month Senior Wellness exam is FREE!**

Do you know the signs that may be cause for concern in your senior pet? Watch for: unintentional changes in weight, “slowing down”, changes in appetite or water intake, changes in urinary habits or stool consistency, behavior changes, bad breath, changes in coat and skin or kitties that don’t groom as well, new or changing lumps and bumps.

**If you've noticed any of these changes in your pet:  
Don't wait! Call us now to investigate!  
The sooner we know, the sooner we can act!**



## Adoptable Friend Update

Have you met Sugar? This sweet treat came to us as an orchard stray with a prolapsed rectum. She is recently spayed, FeLV/FIV negative, and has had her first vaccines. What a playful little cuddle monster! Always wants to be included in whatever we're doing. She is still learning about other cats and dogs, but loves to be loved. Hey look, Ma! No tail!

If you'd like to meet this adorable little squirt, give us a call or stop by to say hello. Guaranteed to charm her way into your heart!

# Hurricane Refugee Pets for Adoption

In the aftermath of the hurricanes, thousands of pets from affected areas are being adopted out across the country. They may be bringing parasites and other infectious agents not common to their new home town. New adoptees should be kept away from other pets until screened by a veterinarian. They should also be kept home for 30 days to minimize stress.

## Center For Marine Wildlife Rehabilitation Opening Near Seattle

Sealife Response, Rehabilitation, and Research (SR3) is opening a multi-pool facility in Arlington, WA. There will be space for care and rehabilitation of 50-75 marine animals per year, which is 10 times the space currently available in the region. In addition to rescue and rehabilitation of sea lions, turtles, whales, otters, orcas and other marine wildlife, they study marine wildlife for environmental indicators, such as rising levels of pollutants, that can affect people. [The Woodinville Weekly](#)

# October Special Savings



25% off Senior Wellness Labwork during the month of October.

Our referral lab is offering us this HUGE discount on out-house labwork for October only!



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