



Helping Hands Veterinary Clinic

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Senior Wellness Month

This month is Senior Wellness Month at Helping Hands Veterinary Clinic. We want to celebrate your senior pet! I want to address the most common questions we get concerning senior pets.

When is your pet considered a senior pet? Typically, pets are considered senior after the age of 7 but large dogs age faster than small dogs and dogs generally age faster than cats.

What are the signs that my pet is aging? Most people notice that their pets are slowing down. Some dog owners will notice that their dog may not greet them at the door anymore. Some people notice that their pet is stiff after resting. These are signs that the pet is aging and that the pet may have arthritis. Also, there may be signs of diminished hearing and sight.

What are some of the diseases that we see in senior pets? The answer to this question is very long. There are many diseases that we see in older pets. Here are just a few. Kidney disease is one of the most common diseases of senior pets. Owners notice an increase in drinking and urination most frequently. Other diseases we see are hyperthyroidism or hypothyroidism, diabetes, obesity, arthritis, and dental disease. Most of these diseases are diagnosed by physical exam and blood work.

What are some things I can do to keep my senior pet healthy? First of all, I think all senior pets should be seen by a vet twice yearly. There are so many things to look for and some of these problems can come on pretty quickly. We want to be proactive with our senior pets not reactive. I also think that senior blood work should be done at least once a year. If your pet is on long term medication, blood work should be done at least twice yearly. Nutrition is very important too. All pets are different so it is very hard to recommend the right diet without first examining the pet. Last but not least, there are many supplements and homeopathic remedies that can be used to help senior pets.

Since our pets age so much faster than we do, it is vital that we do twice yearly exams and yearly blood work! I can't stress this enough. I find that it is better to be proactive than reactive when treating our beloved seniors. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 425-672-4343.

PET OF THE MONTH!

Grima has been with HHVC since June of 2013.

She is a beautiful cream and brown long-hair kitten.

Grima is currently 4 months old.



NEWS & EVENTS



We want to Congratulate Dr Michelle Funk, our newest member of HHVC. Dr. Funk Please check out our website for her complete Bio.

HHVC will be participating in the Happy Tails Dog Walk in Hollywood Woodinville Sept 14th check out our Facebook page for more info

SEPTEMBER SENIOR PROMO'S

10% off all Senior Pet Blood work

Check out our Facebook page for weekly specials!

