

## WHEN SHOULD MY PET VISIT THE VET?

We believe in preventive medicine as the best approach to keeping our patients healthy. This includes annual wellness examinations, vaccinations external and internal parasite prevention, and dietary management.

Our doctors will help determine what vaccinations are appropriate according to you and your pet's needs. We will discuss in detail what your options are to help you make the best possible health decisions for your pet.

## HOW DO WELLNESS EXAMS WORK?

During a wellness exam, our veterinary team will start out by taking your pet's vital signs. Our veterinarian will perform a comprehensive examination of your pet from nose to tail and may also perform diagnostic tests such as blood work, urinalysis, or intestinal parasite tests. Depending on your pet's life stage, vaccines may be administered, as well as disease screenings for heartworm, kidney, liver, blood disorders, and more.

Wellness examinations do not necessarily mean that your pet is going to be subjected to complicated or costly medical tests and treatments. This allows us to prevent major health issues from developing undetected and gives us the opportunity to analyze and record baseline values such as temperature, body condition, and lab work. We measure these when your pet is healthy in order to provide better care in the event of illness or emergency. A dental health exam and a weight check are always important parts of a wellness exam and may indicate problems that can progress rapidly and have a significant impact on your pet's overall health.

Early detection and correction of medical problems will help to ensure that your pet will live a long, healthy, and active life.



Our top-notch facility, specialized in wellness and preventative care, make us the ultimate choice among pet owners who prioritize their pets' health and well-being.

## REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT

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## WE OFFER PREVENTIVE CARE TO KEEP YOUR PET ON TRACK TO LIVING A LONG, HEALTHY LIFE



Taking care of your pet's health is a priority for us. We believe in providing the best care at every stage of your pet's life. From specialized care during their younger years to regular wellness checks as they age, we follow your pet closely to prevent and detect any problems before they become serious.

The American Animal Hospital Association recommends annual wellness exams, and we go above and beyond by tailoring our protocols to your pet's specific life stage, including administering vaccines and disease screenings. Your pet is important to us, and we are committed to keeping them healthy and happy throughout their entire life.

### WHY ARE WELLNESS EXAMS IMPORTANT?

Wellness exams give us a chance to evaluate the overall health of your pet while also giving us a baseline for their own unique bodies and tendencies. They also allow us to detect potential problems before they become serious and even make your pet more familiar with our veterinary hospital, making future visits easier on them and you.



## SUMNER VET PREVENTIVE CARE



### PARASITE CONTROL



Parasites such as fleas, ticks, and internal worms can have serious consequences for your pet's health, causing discomfort, diseases, and even death. Preventive measures should be taken year-round to protect your pet from these harmful parasites. Fleas can cause skin inflammation and transmit tapeworms, while ticks can transmit serious illnesses like Lyme disease. If you notice signs of fleas or ticks on your pet, it's important to seek professional help for safe removal.

Heartworm disease, transmitted by mosquitoes, can be fatal if left untreated. Prevention through monthly oral medications and annual blood tests is highly recommended. Our veterinary team can help you choose the right preventive regimen for your pet based on their risk factors and health status. Regular discussions with us about pest control products can ensure your pet's well-being.

### MICROCHIPPING



Microchip identification is a reliable way to reunite lost pets with their owners, helping return thousands of animals to their homes every day. It is a safe, easy, and inexpensive procedure that involves injecting a small microchip, about the size of a grain of rice, under the skin between the shoulder blades of a pet. The chip is permanent and lasts the entire life of the pet. The owner's information is registered with a barcode number, which can be used to contact the owner if the pet becomes lost. Animal care facilities, such as shelters and hospitals, can scan the pet for a microchip using a special reader, and if a microchip is found, the pet owner is immediately contacted with information on where to pick up their lost pet. It is recommended that all pets be microchipped, regardless of whether they stay indoors, as accidents can happen and separation from a pet can occur easily.

### PUPPY & KITTEN WELLNESS VISITS



Addition of a new four legged family member is one of the most precious moments in our lives. In order to protect them and give them the best start for the many years to come it is imperative that they are examined by a veterinarian to make sure that they are healthy and free of any developmental abnormalities (like congenital heart conditions, abnormal dental conformation, hernias, etc).

Vaccines are critical for puppies and kittens because they are more susceptible to contracting some of the serious vaccine-preventable diseases. Other important topics discussed at the initial visit are: diet, training, behavior problems, socialization, pet insurance, etc.

### VACCINATIONS



Preventive care is crucial for maintaining your pet's health, and vaccinations play a vital role in protecting them from various diseases. Vaccinations are particularly important for young animals with immature immune systems, starting at 6-8 weeks of age and repeated throughout their life. They help prevent diseases such as parvovirus, distemper, feline leukemia, and rabies.

Vaccines are administered through subcutaneous injection, orally, or intra-nasally, and are accompanied by a consultation with our veterinarians to ensure proper and timely administration. Vaccinations are an important preventive measure to safeguard your pet's health and well-being.

