



# Senior Canine Wellness Program

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At Arroyo Veterinary Hospital, we're committed to the wellness of your pets and we want you to have all the information you need to make an informed choice concerning their care.

More frequent visits can make all the difference in your senior's comfort and quality of life. Because our pets cannot talk to us, we rely on the physical exam and additional tests to give them the best quality of life we can.

Pets age much faster than humans, so it makes sense to have your dog visit us twice each year - especially as he or she gets older. A thorough exam, in combination with a blood panel, x-rays and other tests may allow your dog to live a longer, healthier life by allowing us to identify and treat problems before they become serious.

Program includes:

- Physical exam
- Comprehensive Blood Panel
- Urinalysis
- EKG
- X-ray series (4 x-rays, chest and abdomen)
- Heartworm Test
- Fecal Exam
- Blood pressure monitor
- Glaucoma check

**Physical exam** - This is the most important part of a senior pet's care. A good physical exam will tell the doctor many things about your pet, especially since your pet can't.

**Comprehensive Blood Panel** - This blood test will give the doctor an indication of problems in any of the major organs.

**Urinalysis** - The analysis of a urine sample is very helpful in detecting disease or infection in your pet's kidneys.

**EKG** - The electrocardiogram helps us evaluate the health of your pet's heart.

**X-ray series** - The X-rays are extremely important as a tool to allow us to look for many problems including tumors, heart and lung disease, bladder stones, arthritis and much more.

**Heartworm test** - This test checks for the presence of Heartworm disease, which is fatal if left untreated.

**Fecal Exam** - This is an exam of the stool to look for any intestinal parasites.

**Blood Pressure** - To check for any problems with hypertension (high blood pressure).

**Eye Pressure Check** - To look for signs of early glaucoma which, left untreated, will cause blindness and is very painful.