



Senior Pet Wellness

Do you know how old your pet really is?

Every year that goes by is equivalent to several "human years" for your pet. Most pets are considered a senior after 7 years. Many changes with their health can occur in just one year. That is why it is important to have your pet examined by your veterinarian twice a year.

During the months of October, November, and December we are celebrating the golden years of your pet and offering a discount on senior wellness screening.

You may ask yourself why senior wellness screening?

- 1. Early Disease Detection:** Dogs and cats can develop problems such as diabetes, hormonal imbalances, kidney disease, cancer and changes with their weight and mobility.
- 2. Detecting Dental Disease:** Overlooked dental disease can be painful and also lead to other health problems in areas other than in the mouth.
- 3. Managing Arthritis:** Although arthritis can be painful and debilitating for dogs and cats proper

management with medications, supplements, and diet can make your pet more comfortable.

4. Improved Quality of Life: Doing a senior wellness screen may help extend and improve the quality of life for your pet.

If you are noticing your pet "slowing down", changes in their behavior, or in their food and water intake, they may not be "just getting old". There could be underlying issues with your pet. Please call our office to schedule a senior screen so we can help you and your senior pet enjoy those golden years.

Fast Fact: Symptoms of chronic kidney disease may not show until 2/3 of both kidneys have been damaged.

So how old is my pet, really?

The commonly held belief that every dog or cat "year" is worth seven "human years" is not entirely accurate. In reality, a one-year-old

dog or cat is physiologically similar to a 16-year-old human, and a two-year-old is like a person of 21. For every year thereafter, each year is worth about four human years.

Did You Know?

One out of five dogs suffer from osteoarthritis!

We have had a wonderful response to Pet Portals, private, secure pet health websites available through our website. Don't have a Pet Portal yet? Sign up today-it's free! Just request a Pet Portal at our website, www.oakviewvet.net. A few comments from some of our clients:

"I like using Pet Portal because it is quick and easy to use, and I can use it at anytime of the day or night, even when the office is closed. It allows me to stay updated on the status of pet food orders, my cats' appointments and their health records. I can just log on, place my cat food order and pick it up later. I have all the information I need all in one place that I can access anytime." D. Heimstead

"I love using it...it is very helpful to schedule an appointment for our pets or to check to see which shots are coming due. That way, for us, we can plan our monthly budget accordingly. I loved the vacation planning guide in the boarding section, it was not only useful to the person who was dog sitting for us, but it gave me a better timeline as to how our vacation was going to go. It let me get into some of the details that I may have forgotten to leave...such as the vet's phone number and the emergency vet number." L. Hackl

"I LOVE the Pet Portal! I think it is extremely informative and helpful. This is a great way to keep the communication open between owners and the staff. What a wonderful and professional way to make us feel you care not only about our pets, but their owners." P. Fullmer

Getting to know Jaime Gosh, Lead Kennel Attendant/Veterinary Assistant...

Jaime attended the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and graduated with a Bachelor of Animal Science/ Business minor in 1998. She studied abroad in England and spent time in Italy where she focused on agriculture, veterinary medicine and livestock production.

Upon graduation she worked in the nutrition field for 5 years. During this time she showed her dog in agility for 4 years obtaining a championship title through UKC. The next 5 years were spent as an accountant. Jaime is currently working on becoming a Certified Veterinary Technician.

Jaime shares her life with her boyfriend Pete, daughter Brianna, 2 cats and 5 horses.

In her spare time, she trains horses and supports her daughter in numerous horse and dog showing events including 4-H, and United State Pony Club.

Her hobbies include trail riding with her family, snowmobiling, and reading.

She is committed to educating others about animals and their proper care and safety through riding lessons and studying to becoming a CVT. She has been a member of the Oakview team since 2007.

