



Senior cat consultation questionnaire

When is a cat considered senior?

Our feline companions have a relatively short lifespan compared to humans and therefore the ageing process can progress quite rapidly. A cat or dog is considered senior from 8 years of age.

Why does my cat need a “Senior Consult”?

There can be changes taking place inside your cat that are not always evident from the outside. This is particularly the case with older cats. The “Senior Consult” has been designed to detect these changes and the onset of disease early. Many senior problems are manageable if they are diagnosed early, often prolonging the life and wellbeing of senior cats.

During our senior pet consultations we find that approximately 50% of the animals examined have early indicators of disease on their physical examination or blood test. Significantly, only a few of the owners have noticed that something is wrong with their pet.

What does a “Senior Consult” involve?

Your cat will receive a full physical examination by the veterinarian. Some blood will be taken and tested in-house. If a urine sample is obtainable, this will also be tested.

What happens after the samples have been collected?

The blood and urine will be tested in-house and you will be notified of the results within 48 hours. These tests provide an overall assessment of your cat’s health including liver function, kidney function and hyperthyroidism, a very common condition in older cats. Your cat’s veterinarian will then advise you of any subsequent treatment plan, including dietary changes and/or medication.

What to do now?

Phone the clinic on 55616911 to make an appointment and fill out the following questionnaire prior to the consultation. Bring the completed questionnaire with you to your appointment.

Client Name: _____

Cat Name: _____

Age: _____

Tick all that apply to your cat

Behavioural/neurological Skin and Coat

- Confusion or disorientation. Scratches or licks excessively
- Less interaction with the family . Doesn’t groom him/herself well
- Changes in sleep pattern. Skin is flaky/Coat is scruffy
- Loss of housetraining. Lumps or bumps
- Circling or repetitive movements
- Excessive meowing
- Hearing loss
- Poor vision
- Increased irritability/aggression

Mobility Heart/Lungs

- Changes in activity level. Rapid breathing
- Difficulty jumping up. Coughing
- Difficulty negotiating the litter tray. Tires rapidly/short of breath
- Seems stiff and painful. Will breath with mouth open
- Lameness
- Resents being picked up

Body Functions

- Bad breath or red swollen gums
- Dribbling/Drooling
- Difficulty chewing
- Increased appetite
- Decreased appetite
- Gained weight
- Lost weight
- Increased thirst
- Increased urination
- Vomiting
- Change in stools
- Constipation

The name and brand of food I feed my cat is
