

Why is your pet's routine wellness visit so important?

Routine wellness visits are a great way to help your pet live a healthy life for as long as possible. These visits may help us catch potential health issues earlier and may help you avoid additional costs associated with treatments if disease goes undetected.

A typical wellness visit might include:

A physical exam

We look for changes in your pet's teeth, weight, joints, skin and ears as well as performing a chest and abdominal exam.

Diagnostic screening tests

We check your pet's internal health via diagnostic screening tests including blood, faecal, and urine tests. These results help us manage and track your pet's overall health.

A review of results

We look for changes in results from year to year. Changes can act as early warning signs of health problems.

Schedule your pet's next wellness visit with your veterinarian today!

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Wellness visits for your
pet's health



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What we look at during a visit and why.

A wellness visit, including a physical exam and testing of blood, faecal, and urine samples, helps us evaluate your pet's health based on the following:



Heart and lungs

Infection or disease can make it difficult for your pet's heart and lungs to deliver enough oxygen-rich blood to the body.



Kidneys

The kidneys are essential organs supporting major body systems. SDMA can be an early indicator for diseases affecting the kidneys as well as disease processes affecting the kidneys.*



Urine

Urine tests tell us if your pet has evidence of dehydration, kidney disease, or diabetes.



Liver

Your pet's liver may have trouble managing proteins, fat, and processing waste. These problems could be caused by disease, a blockage, or even medication.



Thyroid

If the thyroid glands aren't releasing the right amount of hormones, your pet's metabolism could be affected.



Faeces

Faecal antigen testing tells us if your pet has parasites. Other faecal tests may miss some of these common intestinal parasites, which can cause problems in people too.



Pancreas and intestine

Problems with these digestive organs may be due to an inflamed pancreas and intestines, diabetes, or some types of cancers.



Blood cells

A complete blood count (CBC) tells us if your pet is fighting an infection or has some bleeding problems.

Other

Physical changes in your pet's teeth, weight, joints, skin, and ears may be signs of illness.