

# CHIPPAWA ANIMAL HOSPITAL

## ANNUAL WELLNESS EXAMINATION



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Please check off the areas in which you are interested in obtaining additional information and bring this form to your pet's appointment.

### o Annual Wellness Examination

The wellness exam is the most important tool available to ensure that your cat is healthy and stays healthy. The veterinary technician and the veterinarian perform this examination. The veterinarian checks for problems which may be starting in the eyes, ears, mouth, lymph nodes, chest, abdomen, skin, and anal area. We monitor previous problem areas as well. This is the time to mention any concerns such as weight, diet, and appetite. In some older animals a 6-month examination is recommended.

### o Dental Checkup



Periodontal (gum) disease is the most common condition seen by veterinarians. Plaque harbors bacteria which can not only affect

their gums and teeth but also their vital organs.

### o Dental Hygiene Care



Since tooth brushing is considered the most effective method of removing plaque, most veterinarians recommend an oral hygiene program which includes brushing your pet's teeth daily at home. Most cats also need professional cleaning at the animal hospital while under anesthetic on a regular basis, similar to the care we get from a dental hygienist. On average this is required about every 1 to 3 years.

### o Vaccination

The vaccine protocol we would usually recommend for healthy adult cats with the vaccines we currently use would be:



#### Cat`s at 1st Annual Visit:

Feline Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, Distemper, Leukemia and Rabies virus vaccines.

#### Cats every year:

Rabies, Feline Leukemia Virus vaccine.

#### Cats every three years:

Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, and Distemper vaccine.

Variations depend on previous vaccination history, and other health concerns.

### o Flea Prevention

There are several different flea products available. We will assist you in choosing the best one for your cat. Even indoor pets can get fleas. Once established in the house fleas can survive all year round.



### o Wellness Testing

Besides the annual examination, we have screening tests available to establish normal baseline values for your pet, as well as to monitor for early indicators of illness. Early kidney disease, liver disease, and hormonal imbalances are particularly likely to show up on blood or urine tests before they are obvious on physical examination. We recommend this testing annually in older animals starting at about 7 years of age.

### o Fecal Parasite Testing/Deworming

A fecal test is done once or twice a year to test for parasites. Current guidelines recommend deworming at least four times a year for cats. Parasites pose a health risk to your pet and some may be transmitted to people. You should always bring a fresh stool sample at the time of your pet's examination.



### o Other Tests

We recommend testing for Feline Leukemia Virus and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus. We also institute monitoring programs for individuals who have been shown to have certain conditions such as kidney, liver, or heart problems, diabetes, or thyroid problems. We monitor blood levels of certain medications, such as anti-seizure medications, and check for side effects of medications such as steroids and other anti-inflammatory medications.

### o Diet & Exercise



We will provide you with advice on diet and exercise for your cat based on health and environment.

### o Identification

In finding a stray, most people will look for a collar first, so an identification tag is very important. We offer microchipping which will identify your pet in case they are ever lost or stolen. Most clinics and all shelters carry scanners to read the chip and help re-unite you with your pet.



Other comments or concerns

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