



# Six-month visits save lives.

“Hanna, a 7-year-old golden retriever mix, came in for her six-month wellness exam. She was slightly overweight, but appeared otherwise normal. We recommended a comprehensive blood profile, and Hanna’s owners agreed. Tests showed that Hanna’s liver enzymes were dangerously elevated, and – even worse – her gallbladder was almost ready to burst. We operated immediately, and were able to save her life. Hanna is now being treated for liver disease and has made a full recovery. She is doing well and has had no further health problems. She’s a great example of a pet whose life was saved because of a six-month wellness exam.”

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## Wellness Exam Checklist

### The most important health screenings for cats and dogs

#### Adult dogs (1-6 years)

- Immunizations
- Parasite check
- Heartworm check
- Dental health
- Blood panel
- Chemistry panel
- Urinalysis

#### Additional exams for senior dogs (7+ years)

- Osteoarthritis check
- Chest radiograph
- Thyroid check

#### Adult cats (1-6 years)

- Immunizations
- Parasite check
- Heartworm check
- Dental health
- Blood panel
- Chemistry panel
- Urinalysis

#### Additional exams for senior cats (7+ years)

- Osteoarthritis check
- Renal disease screen
- Thyroid check
- Blood pressure check

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# Twice a year for life!

## Schedule your pet's six-month wellness exam today!



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## Do you know how old your pet really is?

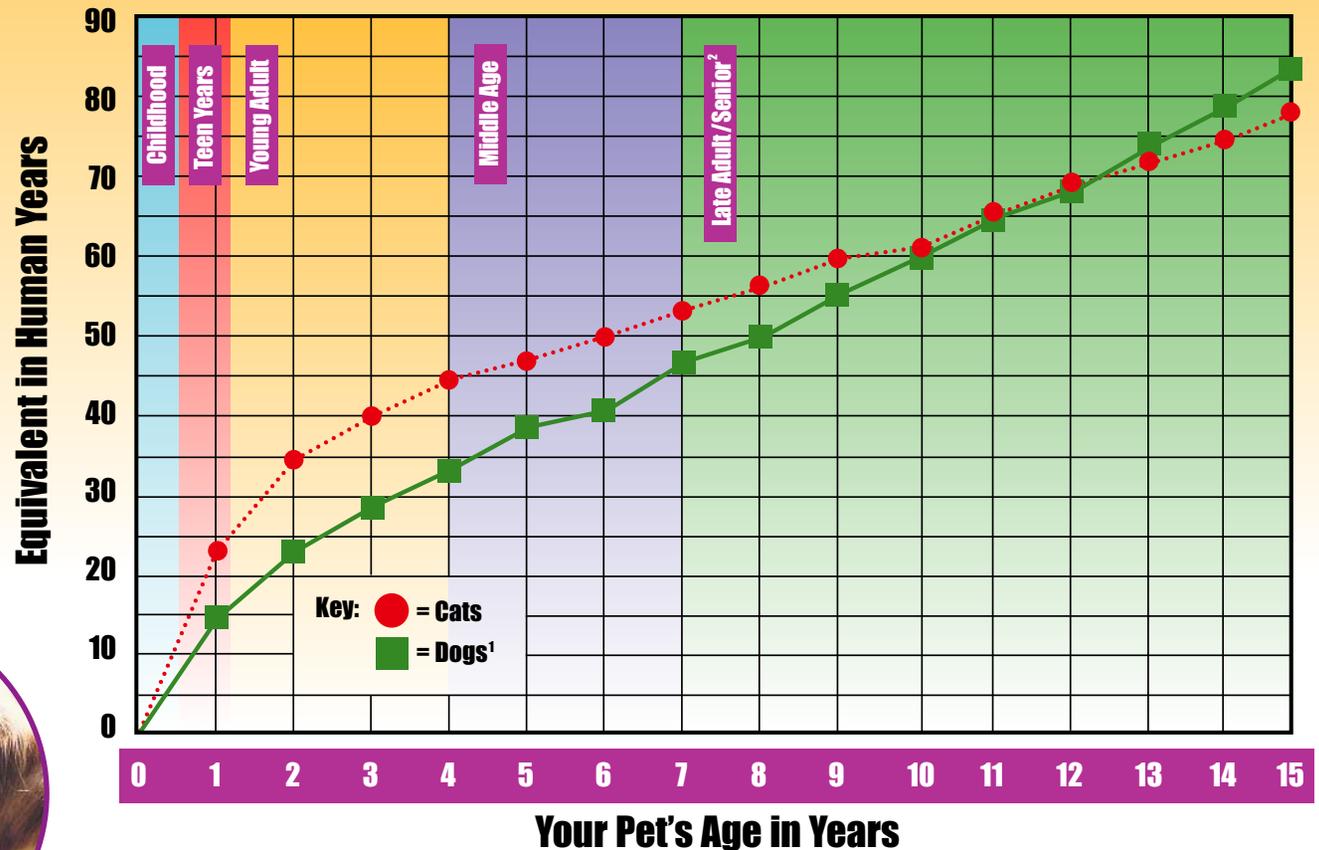
Most of us don't need a medical checkup more than once a year. But dogs and cats are different. Pets, on average, age up to seven times faster than humans. By age two, most pets have already reached adulthood. At age four, many are entering middle age. And by age seven, many dogs, particularly larger breeds, are entering their senior years.

The bottom line? Taking your dog or cat to the veterinarian once a year is the same as seeing your own doctor just once every seven years! You wouldn't wait seven years to see your doctor or dentist for a checkup. So why wait a whole year to bring your best friend to the veterinarian?



# Pets age faster than people.

Determine your pet's age in human years.



<sup>1</sup> Based on a medium-sized dog weighing 21-50 lbs. Many other factors, including weight and breed, may influence the aging process. Ask your veterinarian for your pet's age.

<sup>2</sup> Some breeds are considered "senior" as early as seven years of age.

## Early detection is key.

Because pets age so rapidly, major health changes can occur in a short amount of time. The risk of cancer, diabetes, obesity, arthritis, heart disease and other serious conditions all increase with age. And because today's pets are living longer than ever, chances are many can experience a potentially serious illness during their lifetime.

Twice-a-year wellness exams can help your veterinarian diagnose, treat or even prevent problems before they become life-threatening. They're also a great opportunity to ask your veterinarian about nutrition, behavior, and other issues.

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Give your best friend every opportunity to live a long, healthy and happy life. Ask us to schedule your pet's six-month wellness visit today.

