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Recommended Health Care of Senior Dogs!

Here at Fairmount Animal Hospital we customize your pet's vaccine schedule to what he/she needs without giving too many vaccines in one day.

7 Years+:

- Physical Examination given by a doctor.
 - For senior pets we recommend this be done every 6 months. Pets age more quickly than we do – for every one of our years out pet has ages 7 years – therefore more frequent health screening is recommended for senior pets to aid in early disease detection and intervention
 - Geriatric Testing – includes geriatric blood screens (complete blood cell counts and chemistry profiles) sometimes a thyroid panel, urinalysis +/- culture and sensitivity, blood pressure measurements and a rectal exam. All testing will be discuss with your doctor and what fits you and your pet the best.
 - Breed specific testing will also be offered – this is for pets that can have breed specific problems
 - Disease specific testing and long-term drug monitoring
 - Vaccinations
 - DA2PP Vaccine – core vaccine given every 3 years
 - Rabies Vaccine – core vaccine given every 3 years
 - Bordetella Vaccine (Kennel Cough)- non-core vaccine done yearly for dogs at risk i.e. going to the groomers, boarding facilities, doggie parks, doggie daycare, puppy obedience classes, Petco/PetSmart
 - Lyme Vaccine – non-core vaccine given yearly - for dogs at risk i.e. dogs spending time in wooded or grassy areas, dogs outdoors during peak tick season, or dogs living in Lyme-endemic areas of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, or upper Midwest
 - Leptospirosis 4SV vaccine – non-core vaccine given yearly - for dogs at risk i.e. dogs that play outdoors where exposure to wildlife is possible; dogs that drink from ponds or puddles; dogs that go for walks, hikes, camping, picnicking, hunting or fishing, dogs exposed to deer, skunks, opossums, raccoons, or squirrels. Leptospirosis is the #1 cause of acute kidney failure in dogs and can be transmitted to people
 - Fecal Exam – to check for intestinal parasites, some of which can be transmitted to humans
 - Heartworm/Lyme/Ehrlichia/Anaplasmosis blood test- done yearly to check for mosquito and tick borne diseases
 - Continue flea/tick and heartworm/intestinal parasite control
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