

# **Early Detection Program** DETECT

Your pet can't talk and often shows no signs when something is wrong. So how do you know? Early

Early Detection is not one test, a series of tests or just one visit. It's a new way of caring for your pet, just like human medicine allows us to care for ourselves. Medical advancements enable your doctor to diagnose potential diseases before they become

a serious issue including heartworm, thyroid disease and intestinal parasites. With today's medical testing and technology, you can protect your pets like never before.

By following our simple program, many diseases can be caught early depending on the age of your pet. Catching a disease early can make all the difference, adding years to your pet's life.

### Take The Test! - If you checked off any of the conditions listed below, please discuss this with your veterinarian immediately.

$\bigcirc$	Bad Breath or drooling		Coughing
$\bigcirc$	Change in activity level		Heavy or rapid breathing at rest early DETECTION
$\bigcirc$	Change in appetite or weight	$\bigcirc$	Incontinence
$\bigcirc$	Change in attitude or responsiveness		Lethargy or depression
$\bigcirc$	Change in sleep patterns		Lumps or bumps on or under the skin
$\bigcirc$	Change in urination (amount of frequency)		Noticeable decrease in vision (e.g., bumping in furniture)
$\bigcirc$	Change in water consumption		Shaking head (on and off, continuously)
$\bigcirc$	Confusion or disorientation	$\bigcirc$	Sneezing
$\bigcirc$	Constipation, diarrhea, or vomiting	$\bigcirc$	Stiffness (e.g., trouble jumping, climbing stairs or walking)

### Did you know?

- If detected early, 75% of common diseases in dogs and 63% of common diseases in cats can be prevented by dietary modifications alone over a one-year period.
- Kidney disease is one of the major causes of illness and death in dogs and cats, but symptoms do not usually appear until 2/3 of kidney function has been lost. If caught early, the animal can live with this condition for many years.
- If a liver problem is detected at early stage of disease and is administered proper treatment, the chance of your pet's recovery is in your favor.
- Early detection of diabetes is extremely important because an early therapy regimen can be more effective and easier on the animal. Detecting and monitoring diabetes early can also prevent damage to other organs.

## Did you know?



#### **Dog Care**

Dogs should be carefully monitored from day one, especially after the age of 7 · which is like 44· 56 in human years. From puppy through adulthood, you should be monitoring for common diseases like heartworm, thyroid disease, intestinal parasites and, most importantly,

renal disease. As dogs age, just like you, arthritis can become a crippling problem. Early detection can really help extend your dog's life.

DOG AGE (in years)	HUMAN AGE (in years, based on weight)					
(iii youro)		The second second	51-90 lb			
6	40	42	45	40		
		42	45	49		
7	44	47	50	56		
8	48	51	55	64		
9	52	56	61	71		
10	56	60	66	78		
11	60	65	72	86		
12	64	69	77	93		
13	68	74	82	101		
14	72	78	88	108		
15	76	83	93	115		
16	80	87	99	123		
17	84	92	104			
18	88	96	109			
19	92	101	115			
20	96	105	120			



#### Cat Care

Just like dogs, cats need to be monitored from kitten to adult. Young cats are especially prone to urinary tract problems and intestinal parasites and most cats are seniors at the age of seven, which is 40-45 in human years. As a senior, careful monitoring becomes even more

important as disorders, such as thyroid and renal disease, become very common. Early Detection and treatment can make a difference in your cat's life.

CAT AGE	<b>HUMAN AGE</b>
(in years)	(in years)
5	36
6	40
7	44
8	48
9	52
10	56
11	60
12	64
13	68
14	72
15	76
16	80
17	84
18	88
19	92
20	96
21	100

# What Routine Testing Uncovers...

Dogs & Cats - 1-6 years old

Heartworm, Intestinal Parasites and Intestinal issues/Malnutrition Diabetes, Kidney and Liver Disease, Infection or Inflammation,
Anemia or Leukemia

Addison's Disease (disorder of the adrenal glands that can affect a dog as young as 6 months)

Dogs & Cats – 7 years and older

Kidney Disease, Decreased Kidney
Function or Urinary Bladder Disorder, Liver Disease,
Intestinal Parasites and Intestinal Disorders, Liver
and Pancreatic Inflammation, Jaundice, Parathyroid
Disorder, Adrenal Disease, Muscle Injury, Diabetes

Hypothyroidism in Dogs and Hyperthyroidism in Cats

Infection and Inflammation, Anemia or Leukemia