



PARKSIDE

CLIENT INFORMATION HANDOUT

SENIOR HEALTH CHECKS

At **PARKSIDE** we recommend a 6 monthly health screening programme for ALL older pets. From between the age of 7-10 your pet enters his or her senior years. At this stage of life your pet can begin to develop diseases common to their senior human counterparts such as diabetes, heart disease, various endocrine diseases and cancer. Many of these diseases can go unnoticed in their early stages, therefore preventative healthcare is very important.

We advise a check up every 6 months from the age of approximately 10 years, (this will vary with breed – we will advise accordingly). At this check we can do a **COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION** allowing us to address any potential problems at the earliest possible stage. We will also do a urine test for your pet so if possible bring along an example with you. For this test the urine needs to be as fresh as possible so ideally collect the sample just before you are due for the appointment. This sample should be handed to the nurse upon your arrival.

At the senior health check we will ask about any changes particularly affecting the following:

- Weight – Appetite or Thirst
- Behaviour
- Skin and Coat
- Mobility

You know your pet better than anyone else and can alert us to any changes before they become serious. With regular routine checks, problems can be identified at an earlier stage allowing better more effective treatment regimes. With your help, **PARKSIDE** can help treat and monitor any problems that your pet faces to ensure a **LONG & HAPPY LIFE**.

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