



Five to Seven Times –
 Pets age at a rate of five to seven times our aging process, so regular exams are important to your pet's health and happiness.



HILLSDALE ANIMAL HOSPITAL WELLNESS PROGRAM



IMPORTANT.... New Vaccination Protocols

The **American Veterinary Medical Association**, **American Animal Hospital Association**, and the **American Association of Feline Practitioners**, recently published new guidelines stating that *vaccines should be administered on a case-by-case basis.*

Hillsdale Animal Hospital has now adopted a **Modified Vaccine Protocol**, a risk-based approach to vaccinations using the most up-to-date vaccination technology available.



Different pets have differing lifestyles and environments and therefore different exposure to infectious disease. A few core vaccines are essential for all pets. Any additional non-core vaccines are determined by our **Risk Assessment Questionnaire**:

Your Pet's Risk Assessment (sample)

To develop a vaccination plan for your pet, we'll need to assess your pet's individual lifestyle, exposure, and health risks. Our goal, as always, is to help your best friend live a long and healthy life.

- | | YES | NO |
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| 1. Have you recently introduced a dog or cat to your household? Do you plan to? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Do you have more than one dog or cat? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Is your dog or cat allowed to roam free, or allowed to come in contact with other animals? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Do you board, professionally groom, or show your pet? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Do you work at an animal shelter, pet store, or other situation involving dogs, cats, or other animals? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Do you take your pet hunting, hiking, or to areas with increased exposure to ticks or wildlife? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Do you travel with your pet outside North Carolina? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Is your pet exposed to wildlife in its environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Know the facts
 about your pet's
 aging process**

**Twice a year pet
 wellness exams for life!**

*Keep your best friend
 happy & healthy!*



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Your Best Friend Can't Say "Ouch"! The importance of twice yearly exams

Today, most aspects of veterinary medicine are geared toward preventative care. It is our goal to provide pets with the longest and highest quality of life possible.



Many times pets are sicker internally than they let us know. Our goal at Hillsdale Animal Hospital is to provide pets with the longest and highest quality of

life possible. A routine wellness exam can identify or prevent medical conditions early before they become major problems.

Conditions such as dental disease, arthritis, allergies and heart disease can be diagnosed early, and many cancers, especially skin cancer, can also be detected.

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When simple diagnostic lab work is combined with a six month wellness examination, kidney and liver disease, anemia, and other internal problems can be discovered before any clinical symptoms appear. Regular wellness exams and wellness labwork can sometimes prove to be a life saver.



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 and by age two, most have already reached adulthood.

At age four, many pets are entering middle age. By age seven, dogs and cats are considered seniors, and at age ten they enter the geriatric stage of their lives.

The bottom line? Taking your dog or cat to the veterinarian once a year is the same as seeing your doctor just once every seven years! You would not wait seven years to see your doctor or dentist for a checkup. Twice a year wellness exams are a critical part of your pet's health. *Pets, especially cats and certain breeds of dogs are notorious for hiding signs of illness until they are almost at a crisis stage.*

How Old Is Your 7-Year-Old? (equivalent age in human years based on your pet's weight)					
Pet's Age In Years	Cats	Dogs (by weight)			
		0-20 lbs.	21-50 lbs.	51-90 lbs.	> 90 lbs.
1	24	15	15	14	12
2	36	24	24	22	20
3	42	28	29	29	28
4	45	32	34	34	35
5	48	36	38	40	42
6	51	40	42	45	49
7	54	44	47	50	56
8	57	48	51	55	64
9	60	52	56	61	71
10	63	56	60	66	78
11	66	60	65	72	86
12	69	64	69	77	93
13	72	68	74	82	101
14	75	72	78	88	108
15	78	72	83	93	115

■ ADULT ■ SENIOR ■ GERIATRIC

Hillsdale Wellness Exams

The Hillsdale Animal Hospital Wellness Exam includes the following health screens for your best friend:

HILLSDALE ANIMAL HOSPITAL PET WELLNESS EXAMS	DOG 1-6 YRS	DOG 7+ YRS	CAT 1-6 YRS	CAT 7+ YRS
Physical Examination	•	•	•	•
Risk Based Vaccinations	•	•	•	•
Fecal Parasite Exam	•	•	•	•
Heartworm Check	•	•		
Dental Health Check	•	•	•	•
Blood Panel (CBC) *	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold
Blood Chemistry Panel *	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold
Urinalysis *	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold

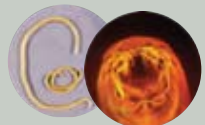
* **Silver Wellness Lab Profile** - includes a CBC, general blood profile and a urinalysis. (Recommended YEARLY for pets under 7 years)

Gold Wellness Lab Profile - includes a CBC, comprehensive blood profile thyroid check and a urinalysis. (Recommended every SIX MONTHS for pets 7+ years)



Center for Disease Control (CDC) Parasite Alert

PARASITIC ZOOSES are diseases primarily of animals that can be transmitted to people. The growing popularity of cats and dogs and the high rate of parasitic (worm) infections have resulted in widespread soil contamination from infected eggs and larvae. Since children often play outside, they are the most at risk for disease transmission.



The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends a microscopic fecal examination for each pet every 6 months to check for internal parasites. This is especially IMPORTANT if you have children in your home.