

Canine Wellness Packages

Basic Wellness Package

\$ 149.00
(save \$30)

Comprehensive Exam
Heartworm Blood Test
Fecal Parasite Screen
Broad Spectrum Deworming
Rabies Vaccine
Distemper/Parvo/Hepatitis Vaccine
Bordetella Vaccine

Early Detection Package

\$ 178.00
(save \$40)

The basic package and:

Chemistry Blood Screen
Complete Blood Count

These tests screen the health of the inner organs as well as the red and white blood cells and blood clotting

Optimal Health Package

\$ 208.00
(save \$50)

The basic package and:

Chemistry Blood Screen
Complete Blood Count
Thyroid Screen
Complete Urinalysis

Thyroid and urine screening is especially important in small breed and aging dogs

If your dog also needs the Lyme and/or Leptospira vaccines; you can add these to any above package for 25% off regular fee

Feline Wellness Packages

Basic Wellness Package

\$99.50
(save \$30)

Comprehensive Exam
Fecal Parasite Screen
Broad Spectrum Deworming
Rabies Vaccine
Feline Distemper/Respiratory Vaccine

Early Detection Package

\$ 149.50
(save \$69)

The Basic Package and:

Feline Heartworm Antibody Test
Chemistry Blood Screen
Complete Blood Count

These tests screen the inner organs, the red and white blood cells, blood clotting, and exposure to heartworms

Optimal Health Package

\$ 209.00
(save \$52)

The Early Detection Package and:

Leukemia / Feline AIDS test
Thyroid Screen
Complete Urinalysis

These tests are especially important in cats over 9 years old and outdoor cats

If your cat also needs the Leukemia and AIDS vaccines; you can add these to any above package for 25% off regular fee

Your Pet's Wellness

disease
prevention
for
optimal health



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Thank you for choosing Riverstone Animal Hospital for your pet health care needs. Our goal in all we do is to keep your pet as happy and healthy as possible, and to give you the information you need to be an active participant in your pet's care.



One of the best and most cost-effective ways to give your pet a healthy life is preventative, or wellness care, as it aims at keeping health problems from getting started.

The following is an outline of the components of preventative wellness care. **Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you have with our team at any time.**

Comprehensive Physical Exam



A complete and thorough physical exam is the cornerstone of proper preventative care. We evaluate all of your pet's major body systems.

Without a thorough examination, many preventable or curable conditions may go unnoticed until they become irreversible diseases, especially since dogs and cats by nature hide signs of illness for as long as possible. The exam findings will be discussed with you and any questions you have will be answered.

Pets age much faster than humans do, and it is for this reason that physical examinations should be performed twice yearly.

For more information on any of these health care topics please also visit us at www.riverstoneanimalhospital.com. Both the Pet Health tab as well as our Links section have numerous resources you may find useful. The password for first time access is riley.

Heartworm Testing and Prevention

Heartworms are transmitted to dogs and cats via mosquitoes, not by exposure to another pet. In Georgia, heartworms are endemic, meaning that all pets in Georgia are at risk, even those that rarely go outside. **The American heartworm Society recommends yearly testing for all dogs in Georgia.**



If detected early, heartworms can be successfully treated before irreversible damage to the heart and lungs occur. **Treatment is involved and expensive, so prevention is the best way to protect your pet from this dangerous parasite.** There is no safe treatment for heartworms in cats, so prevention becomes especially important in our feline pets.

All dogs and cats in Georgia should receive monthly heartworm prevention. There are several safe and effective products available for dogs and cats, both in oral as well as topical form. An additional benefit is that the monthly preventative also contains an intestinal dewormer, which helps keep your pet and family safe.

Immunizations



Immunizations are important, but are just one part of good wellness care and should never take the place of a thorough physical examination. **Not every pet is at risk for every disease we vaccinate against. We will take the time to discuss risk factors with you so that we can create an individual immunization program for your pet.** We also strive to use the latest and safest vaccine technology, such as the Purevax™ non-adjuvanted vaccines for cats.

Fecal Parasite Screening and Deworming

According to the Companion Animal Parasite Council, at least 20% of pets in the south have at least one type of intestinal parasite. Many of these are contracted from the soil of infested areas, although insects and rodents, and even our shoes, can act as vehicles to bring these parasites to our pets. Some intestinal parasites can be contracted by humans as well, especially children.



In compliance with CDC guidelines, fecal analysis should be performed in all pets at least annually, and more often in pets that spend significant time outdoors. There are several non-worm parasites which will not be affected by general dewormers or heartworm preventatives. This is why stool screening is important even when your pet is receiving regular deworming.

The common over the counter dewormers, as well as most heartworm preventatives, are not effective against all worms. **Strategic, or planned, broad spectrum deworming should therefore be done at least 1-2 times yearly in all pets, even those that live strictly indoors.**

Blood and Urine Screening

Dogs and cats cannot talk to us when they do not feel well. In addition, they are genetically programmed to hide any sign of illness as long as possible.



Because of this we often do not see signs of illness in our pets until a disease is far advanced and cannot easily be controlled or reversed. This is why early detection screening is of such benefit to our pets' quality of life. **By detecting trends and early signs of problems we can often intervene with relatively simple measures before a problem becomes detrimental.** Kidney disease, for example, will usually cause no outward symptoms in our pets until at least 75% of the kidneys are no longer working. Blood screening also allows us to determine a normal baseline for each specific pet to compare to in case of future illness.