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Annual Health Check

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What happens at an annual health check?

Your vet will:

- ✓ Check for early signs of disease
- ✓ Make sure teeth, skin, eyes and ears are healthy
- ✓ Update life-saving vaccinations
- ✓ Keep an eye out for problems as your pet gets older

We all know how important staying healthy is to a long and satisfying life – for both the two-legged and four-legged members of the family.

But our furry family members age differently to humans, so it's even more important for them to have a check up every year. Once a year for a dog or cat is the same as once every five years or so for us!

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So when you get your next reminder, don't put it off. Make an appointment to give your pet the special day he or she deserves each year.

Doesn't my pet need to have vaccinations each year as well?

Some pets will need to have a vaccination each year, while others may only need to be vaccinated against certain diseases every three years to be protected. Your vet will talk to you about what's best for your individual pet.

What will it cost?

A straightforward annual health check is usually relatively quick and inexpensive, though in some cases particularly with older animals additional investigative tests such as blood tests may be recommended. You should ask for a cost estimate when you call to make the appointment. If you have pet insurance, your policy will probably cover some of the cost.

If your vet finds a problem with your pet's health, then obviously there are likely to be additional costs. But finding problems early will save time and money in the long run, and it might even save your pet's life.

What else do I need to do to keep my pet happy and healthy?

As well as an annual check up, there are just a few basic things you need to do to make sure your cat or dog stays well.

- Feed them a balanced diet
- Make sure they get plenty of exercise
- If you're not around to keep them company, make sure there are lots of things to play with to stop them getting bored
- Give them lots of love and affection