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Senior Feline Program Annual Health Screen Lab Consent Form for pets seven years and older

Older cats can develop a myriad of medical problems. The three most common problems that we see in the geriatric patient are diabetes, kidney disease, and hyperthyroidism. All three diseases affect multiple body systems over time and are, if left untreated at an early stage, fatal. If these chronic disease processes are detected soon after they start, they are treatable and controllable.

While our physical examination will help alert you to potential problems that may occur, it does not allow us to determine the general health of the internal organs. In order to properly evaluate the liver, kidneys, pancreas, etc., laboratory testing of samples from your companion during the annual health screening can be performed. This short laboratory procedure will detect liver and kidney problems, as well as check for diabetes and other problems associated with older pets.

We recommend that cats seven years and older have blood and urine samples taken every year for a senior wellness profile. As in all health evaluations, early detection is the key as it allows for more and better treatment options. **Diagnostic tests include blood chemistries, a complete blood count, urinalysis, and thyroid test.** The cost of these laboratory procedures for your companion is \$108.75. Our senior care lab program is a valuable tool to aid us in evaluating unseen internal changes that are occurring as your pet ages.

_____ Pet's Name and Age

_____ Yes, perform the recommended lab procedure for my pet companion.

_____ No, I wish to decline this health screen lab procedure at this time.

_____ Signature _____ Date