



Happy New Year!



Start the New Year off right by getting your pet's wellness exam done.

A wellness

examination is a routine medical examination of a patient that is apparently healthy, as opposed to an examination of a patient that is ill. A wellness examination may also be called a 'check-up' or a 'physical examination'. The focus of a wellness visit is the maintenance of optimal health.

A wellness exam is an overall general health assessment that may include blood tests, urinalysis, and parasite screening.

- A wellness exam is recommended for most pets at least annually.
- Some veterinarians recommend wellness exams at least every 6 months for senior pets and pets with chronic health issues.
- A wellness exam can help ensure your pet's health and detect early stages of disease.

What Does It Include?

Wellness programs vary depending on the species, age, and health needs of the patient. Your veterinarian may ask you to fill out a preliminary checklist along with a complete medical history of your pet. The checklist will ask about any issues that your pet may



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have. For example, if you noticed that your pet is losing weight, your veterinarian may perform special tests to help rule out specific diseases that can cause weight loss. Make sure to fill out the forms thoroughly and bring a list of questions that you may have about your pet's health. This is the perfect time to ask these questions.

Most wellness exams include a complete physical examination, which is a nose-to-tail inspection for any abnormalities.

Your veterinarian will use special equipment, including a stethoscope to listen to the heart and lungs, an otoscope to view the inside of the ears, and an ophthalmoscope to examine the eyes. Your veterinarian will also feel all over your pet's body for lumps and bumps. In addition, your veterinarian will check your pet's vital signs (temperature, pulse, and respiration) and record your pet's current weight. Many veterinarians perform testing on samples of blood, urine, and stool during a wellness exam. The blood test may include a **complete blood cell count** (CBC) and a **chemistry panel**. These tests can help determine if your pet has problems such as anemia, infection, or organ disease. Other tests, such as a thyroid evaluation, may be helpful, depending on the physical examination results and patient history. Parasite tests are usually performed during wellness examinations. It's always a good idea that you bring in a sample of your pet's stool for analysis. A fresh stool sample can be tested using special procedures to identify parasites. However, not all parasites are detected through stool samples. Your veterinarian may recommend testing your pet for heartworm disease.



This type of parasite test involves taking a blood sample. Some veterinarians perform heartworm testing and fecal testing on site, but others send these tests to an outside laboratory for analysis. Your veterinarian may also recommend checking your pet's

urine by performing a urinalysis. This helps determine whether your pet's kidneys are working correctly and may also help diagnose certain conditions, such as diabetes and urinary tract infection. A urinalysis also involves testing the urine for the presence of bacteria, blood, and sediment as well as evidence of infection, any of which may mean that there is a problem. Depending on your pet's age, current medical condition, and medical history, your veterinarian may recommend additional tests as part of your pet's wellness examination.

What Is It Used For?



Can't make it in?

We've got the solution for you and your pet! Simply call us to schedule an appointment and let us know you'll need the "[Pet to Vet Exam.](#)"

We'll come pick up your furry family member, do the exam, and then bring your pet back home!

We can also include such services as bathing so your pet can return home fresh and clean!



Never miss a prescription again!

A wellness examination is an important part of preventive health care for pets in all stages of life, from puppies and kittens to senior pets. If your pet seems to be young and healthy, a wellness examination is a good way to detect changes such as weight gain or loss, dental disease, or other subtle changes that may not be evident at home.



For any pet, especially senior pets, a wellness examination is a good way to detect early onset of disease. Early diagnosis and treatment of diseases, such as diabetes and heart disease, can greatly improve the overall health and well-being of your pet. Now is the time to get your pet's wellness exam scheduled. Call Lisa or Cheryl today!



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Have a question about your pet's medication?



Felecia (L) or Natalie work as members of our technical team. They are happy to answer any questions you may have regarding your pet's medication(s).

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Welcome Cheryl!



Cheryl joined the Sweetwater Vet family in December. She comes to us with years of veterinary receptionist experience. She's a long time Southern California resident and currently resides in Acton. Her entourage of rescued and

adopted pets keep her company and include a horse, two dogs and two cats. In her spare time, she enjoys horseback riding, reading and hiking with her dogs. Be sure to welcome her when you talk with her on the phone or visit the clinic. Her kind demeanor and brilliant smile will make your day a little brighter!

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Dr. Grisham returns in February 2017



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Monday,
January 23rd, 2017



Join us in the library with Dr. Mark Williams for the next installment of our Horse Health Series

Dr. Mark will discuss how to make and keep your horse's environment safe



This program is geared to and adult audience

Here's to a GREAT 2017! and begins at 6:30pm



I hope all of you had a great holiday and enjoyed a happy New Year! Thankfully I was able to enjoy some time off at the beginning of the month with my lovely wife!

This new year promises to be great in many ways! Stay tuned for more exciting details in

our upcoming monthly newsletters!

Mark Williams, DVM
& The Staff of Sweetwater Veterinary Clinic



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