

**Canine Senior Wellness Exam**  
For The Health Of Your Pet

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Is your dog experiencing any of the following symptoms? Subtle changes in your dog's behavior may be symptoms of a serious underlying condition or disease.

Check All That Apply

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| <input type="radio"/> Difficulty climbing stairs                          | <input type="radio"/> Increased stiffness/limping   | <input type="radio"/> increased thirst         |
| <input type="radio"/> Changes in activity levels                          | <input type="radio"/> Circling or repetitive motion | <input type="radio"/> excessive barking/crying |
| <input type="radio"/> Decreased responsiveness                            | <input type="radio"/> Skin/code changes             | <input type="radio"/> changes in appetite      |
| <input type="radio"/> Weight changes                                      | <input type="radio"/> Difficulty jumping            | <input type="radio"/> loss of house training   |
| <input type="radio"/> Increased urination                                 | <input type="radio"/> Excessive panting             | <input type="radio"/> confusion/disorientation |
| <input type="radio"/> Less interaction with family                        | <input type="radio"/> Hiding                        | <input type="radio"/> tremors or shaking       |
| <input type="radio"/> Change in sleep pattern                             | <input type="radio"/> Coughing                      | <input type="radio"/> sneezing                 |
| <input type="radio"/> Vomiting  | <input type="radio"/> Diarrhea or constipation      | <input type="radio"/> scooting                 |
| <input type="radio"/> Scratching  | <input type="radio"/> Seizures                      |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Indoors only  | <input type="radio"/> allergies                     |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Worms in stool                                      |   |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Indoor/outdoor                                      |   |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Has access to standing water (i.e.: ponds, puddles) |   |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Runs in the woods                                   |   |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Goes to the groomer, dog park, or boarding kennel   |   |  |

Brand(s) of food: \_\_\_\_\_

Table scraps? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ no

Is your dog on heartworm prevention? If so, circle brand:

Heartgard    Interceptor    Sentinel    Iverheart    Revolution    Trifexis    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Flea preventative used (circle brand):

Nexgard    Advantage    Frontline    Revolution    Comfortis    Bravecto    Serresto    Other \_\_\_\_\_

List current medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions or health concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this important questionnaire. It will help us to better serve you and your pet. Please return this paperwork to the receptionist when complete

## How may we serve you today?

### Core vaccines recommended based on University of Florida vaccine protocol:

#### DHPP vaccine

River Ridge Animal Clinic uses the recommended vaccine protocol that has been issued by the University of Florida. Their recommendations for “core” vaccines (basic minimum vaccines recommended for all dogs) include a DHPP vaccine. This vaccine includes components to protect against the following diseases:

- **Canine Distemper:** a highly contagious virus that attacks the lungs, intestines, and brain, and is spread through respiratory secretions.
- **Canine Hepatitis Virus:** a viral disease that causes liver failure
- **Parainfluenza:** a viral upper respiratory disease.
- **Parvovirus:** a viral intestinal disease that can cause vomiting, diarrhea, and death

This vaccine must be boosters every 3 years. The cost for this vaccine is **\$20 .00**.

**Yes**, I want my dog vaccinated with the DHPP vaccine\_\_\_\_\_

**No**, I decline DHPP vaccination for my dog\_\_\_\_\_

#### Rabies Vaccination

**Rabies vaccination is required by state law and is not an optional vaccine.** This vaccination is administered every 3 years. The cost for this vaccine is **\$20 .00**.

**Yes**, I authorize a rabies vaccine to be administered\_\_\_\_\_(if not current).

### Optional vaccines recommended based on risk factors:

#### Leptospirosis Vaccine

Leptospirosis is a contagious bacterial disease affecting both humans and animals that may result in chronic liver and kidney disease, or fatality in the dog. There are 8 different serovars or “strains” of bacteria that cause this disease. Currently, a vaccination will only offer protection against 4 of the most common serovars. There are some concerns regarding vaccinating dogs against leptospirosis. Allergic reactions to the vaccine are not uncommon and occur most often in puppies and in small breed dogs. Most allergic reactions are easily treated with no long-term effects. In addition, the vaccine is not 100% effective and immunity may be short-lived. Canine leptospirosis is spread by contact with infected urine or contaminated water. A less common mode of transmission is by ingesting flesh from an infected animal such as rats, raccoons, skunks, or opossums. River Ridge Animal Clinic recommends dogs at risk be vaccinated. Dogs that are considered “at risk” include hunting dogs, dogs that roam at large and are not confined to a yard, dogs with exposure to standing water in ponds, dogs with exposure to wild animals or rodents (including squirrels, opossums, raccoons, rats, etc.) and dogs that visit the dog park.

This vaccine must be given annually. This vaccine does require a booster vaccine 3 weeks after the initial vaccination if this pet has never been vaccinated for leptospirosis before. The cost of this vaccine is **\$20 .00**.

**Yes**, I want my dog vaccinated with the Leptospirosis Vaccine\_\_\_\_\_

**No**, I decline Leptospirosis Vaccination for my dog\_\_\_\_\_

**Optional vaccines recommended based on risk factors ( continued):**

**Bordetella Vaccine**

Bordetella, one component of the disease complex called “kennel cough”, helps to protect your pet from respiratory disease. It is recommended that “at risk” dogs be vaccinated. Dogs that are considered “at risk” include dogs that visit dog parks, are boarded, go to the groomer, or have close contact with dogs with unknown vaccination status. This vaccine must be given annually. The cost of this vaccine is **\$20 .00**.

**Yes**, I want my dog vaccinated with the Bordetella vaccine\_\_\_\_\_

**No**, I decline Bordetella vaccination for my dog\_\_\_\_\_

**Canine Influenza**

Canine influenza is a viral respiratory disease that can cause pneumonia and become life-threatening in some dogs. Although the vaccine may not prevent infection altogether, studies have shown that the vaccination may significantly reduce the severity and duration of illness the vaccine is intended for the protection of dogs “at risk” for exposure to canine influenza virus. “At risk” dogs include those that that visit dog parks, are boarded, go to the groomer, or have close contact with dogs with unknown vaccination status. Dogs that may benefit from canine influenza vaccination include those that receive vaccination for Bordetella (as mentioned above). The cost of each vaccine is **\$30.00**. This vaccination requires a booster in 3 weeks if your pet has not received these vaccines before.

**Yes**, I want my dog vaccinated with the Canine Influenza vaccine\_\_\_\_\_

**No**, I decline Canine Influenza Vaccination for my dog\_\_\_\_\_

**Lyme Vaccine**

Dogs get Lyme disease from a tick that passes the Borrelia burgdorferi bacteria into the animal’s blood stream when it bites. Infected dogs do not transmit the disease to humans. The disease is only spread through tick bites. It is recommended that “at risk” dogs be vaccinated. Dogs that are considered “at risk” include dogs that visit northern states during the year, and any dog that has the opportunity to come in contact with tick infested areas. This vaccine must be given annually. A booster vaccine is required if your dog has never received this vaccination in the past. The cost of this vaccine is **\$31.00**.

**Yes**, I want my dog vaccinated with the Lyme Disease vaccine\_\_\_\_\_

**No**, I decline Lyme Disease vaccination for my dog\_\_\_\_\_

**Optional Tests**

**Fecal Parasite Test**

According to the US government's center for disease control, some dog and cat parasites can be transmitted to humans, especially small children and immunosuppressed family members. These parasites can potentially cause serious health problems such as skin rashes, intestinal disease, blindness, seizures, encephalitis, and meningitis. We recommend a fecal parasite test (microscopic examination of the feces) be performed annually for adult dogs. Many of these parasites cannot be seen by the naked eye. The cost for this test is **\$26 .00**.

**Yes**, I want a fecal parasite test performed \_\_\_\_\_

**No**, I decline fecal parasite testing for my dog \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned owner of the pet identified below, decline the fecal parasite analysis and/or treatment of my pet as recommended by River Ridge Animal Clinic. I understand that this fecal parasite test and treatment for intestinal parasites is aimed primarily at improving or maintaining the health of my pet. I have been informed that eliminating intestinal parasites from my pet is also important for the health of my family and the community. In the event that any individual, including myself, contracts or develops a medical problem caused by intestinal parasites that could have been diagnosed and treated in my pet by conducting a fecal parasite test and/or prevented by administering the recommended parasiticide to my pet, I agree to hold the staff at this practice harmless for any of the fees related to the diagnosis or treatment of such symptoms, or for any temporary or permanent injuries related to such parasite infection that might have been prevented had such a test or treatment been performed. Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Heartworm Test**

Heartworms are deadly and are one of the most common of all canine parasites. Heartworm disease spreads when an infected mosquito bites your dog. Since Mosquitos get indoors, all dogs are risk. River Ridge Animal Clinic offers heartworm testing to assure owners that their dogs are free from heart worms. The cost of this test is **\$26.00**.

**Heartworm Test PLUS Tick Borne Diseases Test**

This is a heartworm test that includes testing for infectious tick borne diseases such as *Ehrlichia canis*, *Ehrlichia ewingii*, *Borrelia burgdorferi* (Lyme Disease), *Anaplasma phagocytophilum* and *Anaplasma platys*. If your dog is exposed to ticks they are at risk for contracting one of these many diseases, this can be used as an early detection tool to identify and possibly treat your pet before they become symptomatic (sick).

The cost of this test is **\$38.00**.

*According to the American heartworm Society, annual testing for heartworm infection is now highly recommended. Even though heartworm preventatives (particularly monthly oral and topical formulations) are essentially 100% effective in preventing infection when administered according to instructions on the label, animals on heartworm prevention occasionally test positive for heartworms. This apparent lack of efficacy is usually due to owner compliance failure, travel or relocation of animal to an area of active heartworm transmission, or unknown (or misdiagnosed) prior infection. Annual testing gives an owner peace of mind in knowing that their pet is free of a heart worms, and in cases where the animals infected, it assures them of early diagnosis of infection and maximal benefits from heartworm adulticide therapy.*

**(Choose one option)**

**Yes**, I want a Heartworm Test performed \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes**, I want a Heartworm Test **PLUS** Tick Borne Diseases Test performed \_\_\_\_\_

**No**, I decline any Heartworm Testing for my dog \_\_\_\_\_

**Senior Wellness Bloodwork**

Similar to the bloodwork your physician performs on you, bloodwork done on your dog may indicate an underlying medical condition, or the results can be used as a baseline for comparison in the future. Many diseases are treatable when discovered in the early stages. A senior wellness profile includes a biochemical profile which measures the following:

Complete Blood Count	Test for signs of infection, anemia or clotting concerns.
Total Bilirubin	Test for jaundice. Increased levels may indicate liver disorder or damaged red blood cells.
Total Protein, Albumin, Globulin, Albumin/Globulin Ratio	Protein levels associated with disorders of the intestine, kidney, and liver.
Creatinine, BUN, Phosphorus	Indicators of kidney function, which should be run in conjunction with a urinalysis to accurately assess kidney function
Calcium	Elevated calcium levels can be a sign to various diseases like cancer.
Glucose	Blood sugar. Increased levels may indicate diabetes.
Amylase, Lipase	Tests for inflammation of the pancreas.
Sodium, Potassium, NA/K ratio, Chloride	These are body electrolytes. These levels can be abnormal in animals with kidney or adrenal disease.
CPK	Muscle enzymes. Increased levels may indicate injury, inflammation, or malnutrition.
T4	Test for thyroid function.
Urinalysis	Test to help interpret kidney function and screen for urinary tract infections.

Also included in the senior wellness profile bloodwork is a heartworm test (a 25\$ value). Results are typically available 24 to 48 hours. The cost for this bloodwork is **\$137.00**.

**Yes**, I want a Senior Wellness Profile performed on my dog\_\_\_\_\_

**No**, I decline a Senior wellness profile\_\_\_\_\_

**Owner's Signature:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**\_\_\_\_\_

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