



Murrells Inlet Veterinary Hospital Recommended Wellness Care for Adult Cats

In order to help pets live long, healthy, happy lives, we are proactive about preventive healthcare for our patients. The following recommendations are key to keeping your cat healthy!

Physical Examination - \$46.75

Physical examinations are vital in keeping your pet healthy. Due to the fact that pets' bodies age at an accelerated rate as compared to humans, and to ensure early detection of illness or disease, our doctors recommend examinations twice a year for life. Our team and doctors will take a thorough health/behavioral history and check your pet from the tip of their nose to the tip of their tail!

Feline Leukemia/ FIV - \$45.00

The Feline Leukemia/FIV test is a laboratory test that we run here in the hospital. We draw a small amount of blood and it takes approximately 15 minutes to process the lab work. It tests to see if your kitten or cat has been exposed to, or is infected with either of these deadly, contagious viruses. We recommend testing any kitten or cat before bringing them into a home with other cats and prior to vaccinating them for Feline Leukemia. We also recommend re-testing if your cat has potentially been exposed or is exhibiting symptoms that could be related to either infectious disease.

FVRCP - \$23.75

This is one of the core vaccines for cats. It is referred to as the Feline Distemper Vaccine.

It protects your cat against Feline Distemper (Panleukopenia), and feline upper respiratory diseases (herpesvirus, calicivirus and Chlamydia)–all in one vaccine.

Rabies - \$30.50

This vaccine protects your cat against Rabies which is still a problem in our area. For adult cats who have been previously vaccinated, this is a three-year vaccine. For kittens and adult cats receiving this vaccine for the first time, the vaccine will need to be "boosted", or re-administered in one year. For this first vaccine, the fee is \$15.25. You will receive a rabies tag and certificate when your cat is vaccinated for Rabies.

Feline Leukemia - \$35.00

This vaccine protects your cat against Feline Leukemia, a retrovirus, which is a common infection of cats. It is the cause of more cat deaths, directly or indirectly, than any other organism and is widespread in the cat population. It is a contagious, deadly disease transmitted by the saliva of infected cats, by passing infected blood and from mother to fetuses during pregnancy.

Fecal Testing - \$29.50

This tests a stool sample for intestinal worms (hookworms, roundworms, whipworms and sometimes visible tapeworm segments), coccidia, and giardia which are micro-organisms in the environment that when ingested can cause gastrointestinal problems). Our doctors recommend doing this test every six months to ensure that your cat stays free from intestinal parasites, and if they should contract any parasites, they will be detected early and treatment can be administered before problems become serious.

Profender Topical Dewormer - \$22.25 - \$24.75

Profender is a broad-spectrum dewormer, developed by the Bayer Corporation to help combat widespread problem of intestinal parasites. Zoonosis is the transfer of parasites from animals to people, which has become a serious public health problem. By administering Profender regularly (typically twice yearly for adult pets), you will not only help your pet remain healthy, but you will also help to prevent people from contracting intestinal parasites. Profender is administered topically and the cost of this medication depends upon your pet's weight.

Wellness Profile - \$110.00

Our health care team may recommend a wellness profile for your pet. This combination of blood work (CBC, Blood Profile, Thyroid level, Heartworm Test) and a urinalysis will provide a picture of your pet's health above and beyond what can be determined upon physical examination. By doing this when your pet is healthy, a baseline will be established, which can be used as a comparison should your pet become ill. We typically recommend this Wellness Profile beginning between the ages of two and three. If this lab work is completed annually, gradual changes will be noted and any problems can be detected as early as possible, providing your pet's best chance for successful treatment. This lab work is completed by Idexx Laboratories. We normally have your pet's results within 48 hours.

Nutrition

Our team understands that proper nutrition is the cornerstone to good health. In fulfilling our commitment to comprehensive preventive care, we assess all of our patients' nutritional needs and make recommendations for feeding.

Microchip - \$47.99

We recommend microchips for all pets. Microchips are a permanent form of identification that can save your pet's life. Statistics show that approximately 90% of lost pets do not make it home to their owners. Pets with microchips usually do! We have seen great success in our area for pets with microchips. Our local humane societies microchip all of their adoptees and it is becoming the norm for pet owners. When we have a pet brought to us that has a microchip we are confident that we can reunite that pet with his or her owner. The fee includes complete registration with HomeAgain's national registry.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask our health care team!

Please call for an appointment today! (843) 651-3355

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