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Important Things to Protect the Health of Your Adult Cat

- 1- We recommend an exam and vaccines annually to detect health conditions early and prevent infectious diseases.
- 2- Lyme disease is becoming more prevalent in Eastern Ontario as tick numbers grow. As ticks are active when temperatures are above 0 degrees Celsius, a good tick preventative product should be used all 12 months of the year in this area. Ask us about which product would be best. These products often also prevent fleas and heartworm.
- 3 It is always a good idea to deworm your cat annually - or every three months if he/she goes outdoors hunting. A fecal test can be done at any time to detect intestinal parasites.
- 4- Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) and Feline Leukemia (FeLV) are viruses that can be transmitted from biting and secretions of infected cats. We recommend annual testing of outdoor felines.
- 5- Early disease detection is crucial to help your pet live a long and healthy life. Blood screening allows us to evaluate your pet's organ health. We recommend blood testing annually for pets over 7 years of age.
- 6- Urine testing is recommended to evaluate if your cat is at risk for urinary crystals and urinary tract infections.
- 7- Pets need oral care just like we do. Brushing with an enzymatic toothpaste (approved for dogs and cats) is the best preventative action for a healthy mouth. If you cannot brush then dental diets are available from your veterinarian that help prevent plaque and gingivitis. We offer routine tooth cleaning and dental assessment for dogs and cats to keep them healthy.
- 8- A good quality food is important for maintaining your cat's health. It also helps prevent urinary tract issues. Our pet health care team members would be happy to share some recommendations for your pets.
- 9- We want to prevent your pet from being overweight. Obesity increases serious health risks.

We believe that medical insurance for your pet is an important part of caring for them. It can help you budget for unexpected illnesses and injuries that you otherwise may not be able to afford. There are many companies and options for coverage available, so we recommend that you carefully research which option is best for you.