

# BHVG FREE Senior Pet Health Check Report Card

There's nothing like the love and companionship our pets give us over the years. ALWAYS just happy to be there ... for you. So when your pet reaches the 'golden years' of life, it's time to celebrate! Of course, with age comes extra care. Just as our bodies complain a little more as we grow older, the same is typically true for our pets.

The trouble is ... they don't have the WORDS to TELL you what's hurting or aching. That's WHY we believe so strongly in screening for age related diseases at this time in their life. The reasons to do so ARE compelling. The great news is most of these are treatable IF they are diagnosed early on.

10 Good Reasons for a SENIOR CHECK-UP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 32% of pets die from cancer: Females are 3 times more prone to it UP to 25% of dogs over 8 have skin tumours</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 87% of dogs over 3 years have dental disease</li> <li>• 70% of cats over 3 years have dental disease and/or very painful holes in their teeth (caries)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% of cats and dogs over 10 have arthritis</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 41% of dogs at 10 years of age are overweight</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10% of dogs and 40% of cats over 10 have kidney disease</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12% of dogs have chronic liver disease</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12% of dogs have severe hormone imbalance causing life threatening conditions e.g. Cushing's disease, diabetes</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20% of female dogs over the age of 8 have urine incontinence</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12% of dogs over 8 have heart disease</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6.5% of dogs have stones in their bladder</li> </ul>

Bring this report card in with you when you visit BHVG

<b>Report Card</b>	Healthy	Need Attention	Comment
Arthritis			
Body condition score			
Ears			
Heart			
Increased thirst			
Increased appetite			
Incontinence			
Joints			
Lumps &/or bumps			
Lungs			
Nails			
Skin			
Teeth and Gums			

## Senior Pet Blood Test (cost is \$88.00)

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A basic 15 minute blood test on our in-house laboratory checks the following:

- Blood glucose (presence of diabetes)
- Liver function, and
- Kidney function

These are the BIG 3 tests we need to monitor as a pet gets older.

## Senior Urine Profile (for just an additional cost of \$8.00)

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A urine sample can give a lot of information about the state of health of the body. The tests look for the presence of sugar (diabetes), infection, kidney/ bladder stones or damaged kidneys. They also look for the ability of the kidneys to concentrate urine.

## NEW! SDMA Blood Test Detects Very Early Kidney Failure -for just an additional cost of \$30.00 (save \$40.00)

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Kidneys are vital to good health, and are the most common organ to wear out in older dogs and cats. The earlier a problem is detected, the sooner we can start strategic therapies to slow down the rate of damage, and prolong the healthy life of a pet.

Until recently, we really struggled to detect early kidney failure in dogs and cats.

### Did you know?

In humans, you can donate one kidney to a close relative, and live a happy normal life.

A *regular* kidney blood test and your ability to make strong urine will still be normal, even though you only have 1/2 of your total original kidney function.

Should your remaining kidney lose up to 1/2 of its ability to concentrate urine (i.e. you have now lost 3/4 of your kidneys), you can still appear normal (although you may be drinking a bit more and making dilute urine).

*Standard kidney blood tests can STILL be normal, even at this late stage!*

**In other words, you can lose 3/4 of your total kidney function  
and STILL have normal *standard* kidney blood test results**

The same situation with kidney disease happens in dogs and cats.

### SDMA Blood Test

This is a very exciting new kidney test that only recently became available in Australia.

It is a special chemical in the blood that *detects kidney failure when just 1/4 of the kidneys are damaged.*

*That's a whole lot better than waiting until 3/4 of a pet's kidney function has gone!*

For pets having the *Senior Blood Test* and *Senior Urine Profile*, we can add in an *SDMA test* for just \$30.00 (normally \$70.00).

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