



The Pine Hollow Veterinary Services NEWSLETTER



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SENIOR PET ISSUE

This Month We're Celebrating Senior Pets!

You may have heard that one human year is like seven pet years. It's not quite as simple as that. Larger breeds age faster than smaller breeds. Typically, larger breeds are seniors when they are just six years old. Smaller breeds and cats become seniors at age seven.

Senior Years Can Be A Real Pain For Your Pet!

Like us, pets tend to have more medical complaints as they grow older.

You see, senior pets are at higher risk of developing health problems such as:

- Arthritis
- Diabetes
- Dental Disease
- Thyroid Disease
- Kidney Failure
- Joint or Bone Disease
- Heart Disease
- Obesity
- Skin Problems
- Cancer
- Liver Disease
- Senility

We see problems like these in senior pets every day. There's nothing more heart breaking than having to tell a client that their fur baby has a potentially life threatening condition.

I'm sure you can imagine the upset that news like that can cause. After all, by the time pets become seniors they are well and truly the four-legged children of the family.

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September is Celebrate Seniors Month at Animal Hospital of Meadville!

We want every senior pet we know to pass their Wellness Exam with flying colors! And if we do find any problems about to surface, we want to nip them in the bud before they get too serious and costly.

With this in mind **we've declared September as Celebrate Seniors Month!!**

I know you'll want to be sure there aren't any problems for your senior friend on the horizon. As I always say, "Age is a journey, not a disease".

Best regards,

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