

The Importance of Preventive Care



DENTAL

76% of dogs and 68% of cats have **dental disease**.¹

8 out of 10 pets over the age of 5 have **periodontal disease**.

Periodontal disease can be **100% PREVENTABLE**

NUTRITION

Up to **63% of pets are overweight**, with obesity rates increasing 169% in cats and 158% in dogs over the past 10 years.^{2,3}

PET OBESITY
2007 2016

Dogs maintained at a healthy weight may have **15% longer life spans** than overweight dogs.⁴

BEHAVIOR

Owners most often cite **behavior problems** as the reason for surrendering their pet to a shelter.⁵

PARASITES

Parasites can adversely affect both owners and pets, including:

- Hookworms
- Scabies
- Toxoplasmosis
- Roundworms

Up to 30% of cats diagnosed with heartworm disease were described as **"indoor only"**.⁶

CHRONIC CONDITIONS

In a study of 100 apparently healthy elderly dogs, all showed **at least one or several** of these conditions:

- ✓ obesity
- ✓ heart murmur
- ✓ severe dental calculus
- ✓ subcutaneous masses⁷

Up to 20% of adult dogs and 60% of adult cats are affected by osteoarthritis.⁸

GENETIC CONDITIONS

There are over 200 genetic health risk screening tests, including:

DOGS

- Multi-drug sensitivity (MDR1)
- Dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM)
- Von Willebrand disease (VWD)

CATS

- Polycystic kidney disease (PKD)
- Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM)

2/3 or more of dogs have at least one recognized genetic disorder.⁹

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