



# HILLSIDE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

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## Wellness Care for Adult Cats

Yearly or as recommended	Examination with: <b>FVRCP</b> vaccine <b>FELINE LEUKEMIA</b> vaccine* <b>RABIES</b> vaccine* Deworming Medication recommended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the annual examination the health and wellness of your pet will be assessed. The Dr. will discuss: diet, changes of weight or appetite, water intake, behavior changes, abnormal teeth or gums, lethargy, diarrhea or vomiting, changes in skin or hair coat, flea and parasite control.</li> </ul>	
<p>*Recommended for cats that may be exposed to the "outdoors"</p>	
Dental Care	<p>The importance of routine dental care cannot be stressed enough. Proper dental care actually helps prevent many health problems as your pet ages. Our wellness exams always include a thorough examination of the mouth.</p> <p>Prevention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-a dental diet designed to prevent tartar buildup</li> <li>-toothbrush and toothpaste kits</li> <li>-dental chew treats</li> </ul> <p>Dental Cleanings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Once tartar has noticeably accumulated on the surface of the teeth, the next step is a professional cleaning. Even the most obedient pets won't lie back and keep their mouths open, so this procedure needs to be done under general anesthesia.</li> </ul> <p>Delaying or abstaining from dental cleanings can have drastic implications on your pet's overall health. As tartar builds up, abscesses may form along the gum line or in the tooth roots. Left unattended, the infection can enter the bloodstream, leading to health problems with internal organs.</p>
Weight Control and Joint Care	<p>Maintaining your pet at a healthy weight prevents or minimizes a variety of health risks including arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, and breathing problems.</p> <p>Healthy weight is achieved and maintained</p>

	<p>through a balanced diet and exercise. If your pet is overweight, our Veterinarians and Animal Health Technologists can create a weight-loss plan specific to your pet's needs.</p> <p>Older pets frequently suffer from arthritis and joint pain. Proper joint care can increase your pet's quality of life. In addition to maintaining a healthy weight, we offer several supplements and diets for joint health.</p>
Fleas	A major problem in Victoria! We recommend an "integrated flea control program"

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### General Information for Cat Owners:

1. FVRCP Vaccine - will protect your cat from feline respiratory diseases (rhinotracheitis and calicivirus) and feline Panleukopenia (sometimes called "distemper", causes fever, vomiting, and diarrhea). This vaccine is recommended for both indoor and outdoor cats.
2. FELINE LEUKEMIA - is a vaccine recommended to any cat that is going outdoors and/or exposed to other outdoor cats. The virus can suppress the immune system and can also cause cancer in some cats. Leukemia testing is recommended if you get a cat from a multi-cat household or a breeder, or if you are introducing a new cat to your cat(s).
3. RABIES vaccine - is recommended for any cat that is going outdoors. Rabies can be transmitted by bats, raccoons and skunks. It is especially important to vaccinate cats as most rabies cases in domestic animal occur in cats and it can be a threat to humans.
4. DEWORMING- We recommend you deworm your cat for roundworms as directed by your veterinarian. Tapeworms are acquired from ingesting fleas or small rodents, and require treatment with the appropriate medication.
5. PET INSURANCE - is highly recommended to offset the large expenses of medical problems or injury. To avoid disaster, check out the brochures today.
6. PET IDENTIFICATION - Tattooing is available at our hospital. As part of a province wide registration program, your pet will have a unique ID number to identify it if lost or injured. Microchip ID will identify your pet worldwide. Both procedures can be done at the same time as spaying or neutering. A microchip can also be inserted during a regular appointment.

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Complete Pet Care - 7 days a week