



# **VESTAL VETERINARY HOSPITAL**

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## **SENIOR WELLNESS SCREENING**

### **HOW OLD IS AN 8 YEAR OLD PET REALLY?**

- A small dog or cat = a 40-45 year old person
- A medium sized dog = 50-55 year old person
- A large dog = 60-65 year old person
- A giant breed = 75-90 year old person

### **EARLY SCREENING CAN DETECT:**

- Diabetes
- Low-grade infections
- Certain hormonal diseases
- Changes in liver function
- Early changes in kidney function

**DECLINING KIDNEY FUNCTION IS THE MOST COMMON REASON FOR ILLNESS AND DEBILITATION IN OUR SENIOR PETS.**

**EARLY INTERVENTION MAY BE AS SIMPLE AS AN APPROPRIATE DIET CHANGE OR MAY PROMPT ADDITIONAL TESTING OR MEDICATIONS.**

### **HOW CAN YOU KEEP YOUR FAMILY FRIEND HEALTHIER LONGER?**

Just bring in a urine sample. A new test (called ERD), along with a routine urinalysis, can detect early problems before your pet begins to show signs. Total cost for both tests is \$81.00.

**WE ARE NOW RECOMMENDING THAT ALL PETS EIGHT YEARS OF AGE AND OVER SHOULD HAVE A URINALYSIS AND ERD URINE TEST YEARLY ALONG WITH THEIR ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION. PLEASE BRING IN A SAMPLE WITH YOU, OR WE CAN ASSIST IN COLLECTING ONE WHILE YOU'RE HERE.**