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## CANINE EARLY DETECTION PROGRAM

**Advances in veterinary medicine and nutrition, enhancement of the human-animal bond, and loving care by owners has increased the life span of our companion animals.**

The staff at Hanging Rock Animal Hospital feels pets are family too. We believe early detection is the best way to maintain optimum health and detect changes that may lead to disease. We have more tools than ever to treat or slow the progression of common diseases, even in young animals. By working with your veterinarian, you can help ensure that your pet enjoys the best quality of life for the longest possible time.

The Early Detection Program is designed to alert us to early changes and help avoid advanced, irreversible, or costly disease. The recommendations below are screening procedures and preventives, intended to pick up or prevent the most *common* disorders, but do not rule out every possible condition.

**COMPREHENSIVE PHYSICAL EXAM** Still the *most important aspect* of preventive care. This allows us to assess body condition, joint function, hair coat, heart, lungs, ears, eyes, thyroid, teeth, lymph nodes and skin masses or ulcerations. Annual exams are recommended for all pets to detect problems they "hide" from their owners. More frequent exams may be needed if your pet is ill or injured.

**ADULT CHEMISTRY PROFILE AND STANDARD BLOOD COUNT** used to assess the function of the liver, kidneys, pancreas, and other body systems. It also helps in the diagnosis of infection, cancer, anemia, and bleeding disorders. This test will provide insight into the status of your pet's immune system and gives us a "baseline" for future comparison. Blood values show changes long before your pet shows signs and early detection allows early and more effective treatment.

**HEARTWORM TESTING** The Heartworm Society recommends yearly heartworm testing for dogs and cats (even those on prevention). This ensures your pet is free from this deadly parasite. It also allows early detection (before your pet shows signs) and treatment should your pet contract the parasite.

**TICK BOURNE BACTERIAL INFECTIONS** (lyme, ehrlichia, and anaplasma) even an unseen tick can transmit these debilitating diseases. Early detection allows more success with treatment.

**FECAL ANALYSIS** Important in all pets (even those that are indoor only) as parasites or bacterial infections can cause serious, but treatable diseases. Many of these parasites are transmissible to people too. Fecal parasites can be transmitted by insects, rodents, or just a simple stroll through the yard.

**VACCINES AND HEARTWORM/PARASITE PREVENTION** Year round use of heartworm prevention (Interceptor Plus or Heartgard Plus) is strongly recommended for every dog (even indoor dogs) to prevent contraction of heartworms, a parasite that causes irreversible and potentially fatal heart disease. These preventives also help protect you and your pet from contracting certain common intestinal parasites. Unprotected dogs in our area are frequently diagnosed with these parasites.

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## EARLY DETECTION PROGRAM VALUE

In order to encourage pet owners to take advantage of the recommendations outlined on the previous page, our packages are offered at a discounted rate. **For patients enrolled in the early detection program we also offer free "core" vaccines\* (when needed) and a nail trim.** Depending on your pet's lifestyle assessment and history, we may recommend additional procedures as an add-on to this package (see below). Included in the package price are...

**COMPREHENSIVE PHYSICAL EXAM**  
CBC, ADULT CHEMISTRY, HEARTWORM TEST  
TICK DISEASE SCREEN, FECAL ANALYSIS  
CORE VACCINES\*, INITIAL NAIL TRIM, BAG OF LEAN TREATS

Package Price: \$190

(\$290 Value)

This package may be slightly more expensive than the costs of our minimum recommendations. Your pet cannot talk and many show no signs that something is wrong. By taking advantage of the program, you may spend a little more per year but you and your pet will benefit from a more complete and comprehensive picture of their health and medical needs. Our packages can also save you money in the future by managing disease early. If detected early, 75% of common canine diseases can be managed with dietary modifications alone.

### LIFESTYLE ADD-ONS

Depending on your pet's lifestyle, they may be at additional risk. A short questionnaire we review with you will determine if your pet needs additional preventive care.

**Specialty Vaccines**, such as Lyme CR and K9 flu are additional if needed.

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\* For the health and safety of your pet, distemper and leptosporosis vaccines must be given with an exam.

### MULTIPLE EARLY DETECTION DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

To encourage proper preventive dental care for your pet, participants in the Early Detection Program receive a **15% discount on a dental cleaning** (scale and polish teeth under anesthesia). This does not apply to special dental work if needed, such as extractions or periodontal antibiotic therapy. Your veterinarian will help guide you on your pet's dental health needs for at home care or a professional cleaning if needed.

You may also take advantage of additional **\$5 discounts** on 1 year supplies of internal and external parasite preventives (**Interceptor Plus or Heartgard Plus and Frontline Gold or Nexgard**) and **MICROCHIPPING**.

**Vaccine titers** can be added, at a discount, to this package for owners who prefer to check vaccine immunity before vaccines are administered.

**All discounts and services are good for up to 10 months from purchase of package**

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