



Spotlights: Senior Discounts and Rattlesnake Awareness

Meet Our New Surgical Coordinator!



Barb Studer Woods, RVT

Years in the Field

“Seven professionally, but growing up in Kansas, we were always working with animals, like herding cattle.”

Favorite Career Moment

“Working on a herd of 30 yaks! We vaccinated and dewormed them, and inserted a magnet in their mouths that prevents hardware disease. Another favorite moment was when my great aunt got to speak at my graduation from the same veterinary school she graduated from 50 years earlier! My whole family surprised me by coming.”

Special Interests

“Professionally, continuing to learn. I love surgery! Personally, I love horses, traveling volunteering, gardening, spending time with friends, and constructing a variety of things big and small.”



Rattlesnake Awareness: This is the time of year when you come out of your cave, stretch your legs, and begin outdoor activities...along with your good buddy Mr. Rattlesnake. During March and April, we offer **discounted rattlesnake vaccinations at \$10 per vaccine with \$35 wellness exam—a savings of over 50%!**

Prescott Valley Pet Clinic also partners with Rattlesnake Ready to offer **rattlesnake aversion classes**, making it easy to teach your dog that rattlesnakes are NOT friends to play with. Call our clinic to schedule for one of two Saturday trainings (**03/24/18 or 04/14/18**), and receive the special clinic discounted rate! Check out www.rattlesnakeready.com for more information on these incredible trainings.

Senior Discounts: All dogs and cats become seniors at **7 years of age**. This means that, just like with humans, it is time to begin screening for potential health issues endemic to aging. Catching issues in their early stages gives your pet a better chance at a high quality of life for longer, in addition to making any issues found easier and more cost effective to treat. Check out this newsletter’s article on senior screening for more information.

Save up to 20% on our screening packages!

Basic Senior Screen 10% Savings!	Nose to Tail Exam Comprehensive Bloodwork Urinalysis Fecal Analysis
Comprehensive Senior Screen 15% Savings!	Everything in the Basic Screen PLUS X-Rays Eye or Blood Pressure Test
Comprehensive PLUS Senior Screen 20% Savings!	Everything in the Comprehensive Senior Screen PLUS A Full Abdominal Ultrasound with Specialist Review

Pet of the Month

“Gizmo” Taylor
Yorkie Cross

Favorite Thing: Watching television!

Nominate your pet for Pet of the Month today!





Senior Screenings: What Are We Looking For?

Your pet has turned 7 years old! You've noticed that he's slowing down, but everything else seems okay. Your vet says that it's time to start bringing him in every 6 months for an exam and bloodwork. Why?

Senior exams every 6 months and regular bloodwork screens for many issues that, if addressed early, can be prevented from impacting your pet's quality of life for many years to come. Other diagnostics may be recommended to further diagnose an issue, and annual diagnostics may be necessary to track the progress of any significant findings. Check out the boxes to learn more about what each diagnostic is all about.

Give your best friend the best chance at a long and happy life. Schedule your pet for a discounted Senior Screening today! All discounted package options are found in our Spotlight on the front page.

EXAM

In the nose to tail senior exam, your vet will palpate your pet's organs for tangible abnormalities, check weight, temperature, teeth and gums, skin, ears, heart rate, and eyes. They're happy to discuss any concerns you have with things you've noticed at home.

FECAL ANALYSIS

This comprehensive test checks for nasty parasites like giardia, hookworm, roundworm, and whipworm.

URINALYSIS

Urine is an important marker for measuring health. It helps the vet understand your pet's hydration level and overall health of urinary tract, kidneys, and bladder. In addition to screening for urinary tract infections, it provides indicators for other important things like glucose regulation and liver function.

BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING

This lets us know if your pet has high blood pressure. High blood pressure can lead to blindness, disorientation, internal bleeding, and damage to internal organs. It is often caused by other diseases like hyperthyroidism, kidney disease, diabetes, and Cushing's, and can return to normal once these are treated.

Medications can help high blood pressure, and if your pet is diagnosed with this condition, your pet should be tested every few months to ensure the condition is properly controlled.

EYE PRESSURE TESTING

A vet will test your pet's eye pressure when it presents with an eye issue. This test will tell us whether high blood pressure is affecting your pet's vision, and will check for glaucoma.

ULTRASOUND

An ultrasound is a more in-depth answer to an x-ray. It will tell us where exactly a mass is located and what it is connected to. Think of it as a soft tissue screening. With specialist review, this provides a huge insight to your pet's internal organs.

COMPREHENSIVE SENIOR BLOODWORK

Bloodwork provides critical insights for your vet. Take advantage of our special rate on senior bloodwork, which screens for:

- Anemia**
- Inflammation**
- Infection**
- Bleeding Disorders**
- Hydration Status**
- Renal Disease**
- Abnormalities from Long Term Medication Use**
- Liver Disease**
- Bile Duct Obstruction**
- Pancreatitis**
- Diabetes Mellitus**
- Hypothyroidism**
- Hyperthyroidism**

X-RAY

An x-ray checks for things like arthritis, evidence of internal masses, intestinal blockages, and bone abnormalities. Think of it as a skeletal screening.

Catching these issues early can lead to better treatment outcomes and lower treatment costs. Does your pet already have a diagnosis that requires annual or bi-annual testing? This could save you up to 20% on testing you get done anyway.

