

Feline Health Check Program

At Napanee Veterinary Hospital, we are always looking for better tools to help pet owners take care of their pets' health. This is why we are proud to present our Health Check Program. This program offers health screening that will help us provide the best possible care for your pets.

1. FIV/FeLV Snap Test:

-FIV, or Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, is a virus that cats can catch when they go outdoors, especially if they tend to fight with other cats. This virus is similar to the HIV virus in humans. As with humans with HIV, cats with FIV may not show symptoms for many years. There is no cure for FIV, but once we know a cat is infected, we can manage their healthcare accordingly.

-FeLV, or Feline Leukemia Virus, is a virus that can cause cancer in cats, as well as immune system deficiencies. Cats can get FeLV, through direct or indirect contact with other cats (for example sharing bowls or grooming). Kittens can also get it from their mom. As with FIV, infected cats may not show symptoms for many years. There is no cure for FeLV, but once we know a cat is infected, we can manage their healthcare accordingly.

2. Early Detection Blood Screening:

This test will measure your cat's blood glucose, as well as specific blood enzymes that give us information on the health and function of the liver and kidneys. Animals that are 7 years or older will also have their thyroid tested and blood cells checked. The goal of this test is to detect subtle anomalies that may not be severe enough to make the animal sick, but allows us to detect early disease and treat them early. It will also give us baseline values that we can compare with future results to allow us to detect even subtle changes over time.

3. Urinalysis:

An examination of the urine will assist in the detection of early diabetes, early kidney disease, infections and crystals. The urine sample must be fresh—you can bring it along with you or it can be dropped off at a later date or we can collect a sample when you are at the hospital.



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