

What to expect for an exam visit

Arrival:

When you arrive for your appointment, our friendly receptionist will get you checked in and get a weight on your pet. As soon as an exam room is available you and your pet will be ushered in to wait for the doctor, this allows your pet to acclimate to the room and will help them relax.

Exam:

When the Doctor joins you in the exam room, they will go over your pet's medical history, it is best to keep a journal of your pet's health throughout his or her life including any behavioral shifts. If you are at the clinic for a routine health exam or vaccines remember to let the Doctor know if there have been any changes in your animal's behavior at home.

Typically, after but sometimes while discussing the history the Doctor will do an examination of your pet from nose to tail paying attention to the area(s) of concern.

Once they have completed their exam, they will discuss their findings with you and discuss any further diagnostics or tests that may help discover the cause of your pet's illness. If the diagnosis is straightforward, they will discuss the treatment plan with you as well as an estimate of the cost for treatment.

For vaccine appointments it is important that the doctor understand your pet's lifestyle, this ensures that your pet receives the vaccines that are appropriate for their lifestyle, no more no less. This will ensure that they are properly protected without them having any unnecessary vaccines.

What happens next.

After you and the doctor have agreed on the diagnostics and/or treatment plan we will make that happen. Some diagnostics we can do right away the same day, so we may take your pet into the treatment room so that we can get the samples needed for the diagnostics. Once treatment has been decided we will get your medications ready to go. All medication will have a label with the directions for how to give the medications to you pet. After you have paid the bill we will get your next appointment booked for any follow-up or recheck appointments that the Doctor wants.

Referrals:

On occasion the Doctor will recommend that your pet be referred to a specialist that has more advanced training and skills to better treat/diagnose your pet's condition.