



## What to Expect for Exam Visit

### **Arrival:**

When you arrive for your appointment, one of our friendly receptionists will get you checked in and weigh your pet. As soon as an exam room is available, you and your pet will be ushered in to wait for the doctor. This gives time for 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 a great idea to keep a journal of your pet's health throughout its life, including any behavioural 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.

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. Some diagnostic tests can be done in the exam room and some require us to take your pet to the treatment room to get the samples needed.

For vaccine appointments, it is important that the doctor understands your pet's lifestyle. This ensures that your pet receives the vaccines that are appropriate for their lifestyle and keep them properly protected without having any unnecessary vaccines.

### **What Happens Next:**

Once you and the doctor have agreed on a treatment plan, we will get your medications ready to go. All medications will have a label with directions for how to give them to your pet.

After you have settled the bill, we will get your next appointment booked for any needed re-checks required by the Doctor.

### **Referrals:**

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

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