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Senior Cat Testing Program

Elderly cats can often suffer from sub-clinical diseases. They may appear perfectly well, but actually be suffering from quite serious conditions that can ultimately lead to severe and irreversible organ damage.

The three conditions that we are most concerned about are chronic kidney disease, hyperthyroidism (over-active thyroid gland) and hypertension (high blood pressure).

Chronic kidney disease will ultimately lead to renal failure, uncontrolled hyperthyroidism may cause severe heart disease and both can lead to hypertension. Hypertension can also occur as a primary condition. It can lead to permanent blindness, heart disease, kidney disease and neurological signs.

It is most important to identify any of these conditions in the early stages, so that treatment can begin before serious organ damage occurs. All three conditions can be effectively treated, or managed with special diets, allowing our elderly pets to enjoy a good quality of life in their 'golden' years.

At Victoria Veterinary Centre we are offering a testing program, aimed at identifying early signs of these conditions. It is aimed at healthy cats that are over 10 years old. These cats will have their blood pressure measured, a blood sample taken and processed for a routine biochemical and haematological screen and electrolyte estimation, and a urine test. To enable these tests to be performed it will be necessary to book your cat in at the surgery for a morning or afternoon. Our nurses can then take a series of blood pressure measurements once the cat has settled in and collect the blood sample. The results will then be collated by one of our veterinary surgeons, and if there are any concerns we can discuss them with you and advise how best to start treating your cat.

The cost for this screening is £40.00.

Please speak to any of our vets if you have any questions, or book your cat in with one of our receptionists.