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Unfortunately, our pets can't tell us when something is wrong. Your pet could suffer for years, in silence, simply because their pain is not apparent. The worst thing you could do would be to wait until your pet is seriously ill to realize there is a problem. Preventative screening can identify pain and sickness that your pet is living with

unbeknownst to you, giving you the opportunity to save them from the pain and illness. Unseen conditions, such as kidney infections, bladder infections, bladder stones, hypothyroidism, Cushing's disease, and so many others could be easily diagnosed and treated if they were only identified early.

Now understandably, some would argue that their pet doesn't need to go to a vet unless they are sick. Again, don't forget those unseen conditions. They may not show themselves until your pet is very, very sick.



Another example of unseen ailments in pets is intestinal parasites and heartworms. Screening for these parasites is important in





protecting your pets, yourself and your family.



This is so important when you have children who are in love with your pets, meaning they are in constant contact. Intestinal parasite screenings for your pets can protect your children from coming into contact with parasites.

What if you've been getting regular check-ups for your pet, and they aren't finding anything? Hallelujah! Your pet is healthy, your family is safe, and when your pet does become ill, your doctor will have a baseline to compare results.

You love your pets, and they love you. They truly live to please you, and this might mean suffering in silence, trying not to complain. They don't know that their mouth doesn't have to hurt every time they eat, or that there's a way to fix what's aching. Preventative care will allow you to relieve your pet from its pain.

You can also avoid a costly emergency surgery. Some conditions are allowed to progress without treatment to the point that your pets symptoms escalate and finally realize they are ill. If you allow this, their sickness will worsen and likely require an emergency surgery or treatment to save your pet. Don't let you pet suffer, and don't put yourself in the situation of paying for an expensive treatment.



An Intermountain Pet Hospital preventive medicine includes a thorough and complete annual physical exam, routine parasite and heartworm testing, blood screening once during the adult years (3-4 yrs of age), and annual blood screening for all senior pets.

