

# How old is your pet really?

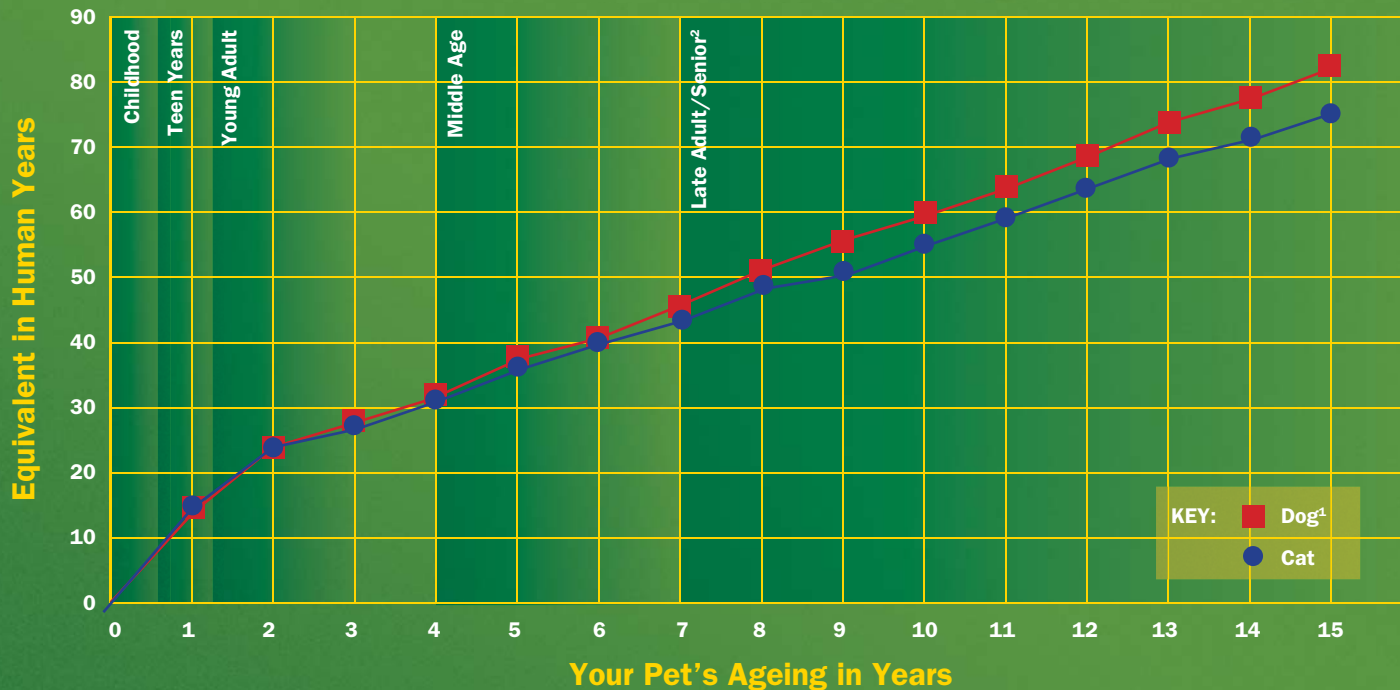


Pets, on average, age five to eight times faster than humans.

By age two, most pets have already reached adulthood. At age four, many are entering middle age.

By age seven, many dogs, particularly larger breeds, are entering their senior years.

**Pets age faster than people.  
Determine your pet's age in human years**



1: Based on a medium-sized dog weighing 10-25 kg. Many other factors, including weight and breed, may influence the ageing process. Ask your veterinarian for your pet's age. 2: Some breeds are considered "senior" as early as seven years of age.

**Do your best friend a favour and don't miss their once-a-year health check**



## Early detection is the key

Because pets age so rapidly, major health changes can occur in a short amount of time.

The risk of cancer, diabetes, obesity, arthritis, heart disease and other serious conditions all increase with age.

And because today's pets are living longer than ever, chances are many can experience a potentially serious illness during their lifetime.

At least once-a-year health checks can help your veterinarian diagnose, treat or even prevent problems before they become life-threatening.

They're also a great opportunity to ask your veterinarian about nutrition, behaviour, and other issues.

Give your best friend every opportunity to live a long, healthy and happy life.

**Ask us to schedule your pet's health check visit today.**



## Regular visits to a veterinarian saves lives!

*"A 13-year old beagle, PJ, came in for her annual heartworm injection. While performing a routine exam, I discovered she had an enlarged liver. An ultrasound and blood test revealed that PJ had Cushing's disease, a potentially fatal illness that causes high blood pressure, weakening of the heart and kidneys, and hair loss. Fortunately, we were able to treat PJ's condition in time, and she's now a happy healthy dog. I encourage all pet owners to have at least once-a-year health checks".*

**Dr Teresa Ruth**



# Health Checklist

The most important annual health screenings for cats and dogs

### Adult dogs (1-6 years)

- Vaccinations
- Parasite check
- Heartworm check
- Dental health
- Blood test
- Chemistry panel
- Urinalysis

### Additional exams for senior dogs (7+ years)

- Osteoarthritis check
- Chest radiograph
- Thyroid check

### Adult cats (1-6 years)

- Vaccinations
- Parasite check
- Heartworm check
- Dental health
- Blood test
- Chemistry panel
- Urinalysis

### Additional exams for senior cats (7+ years)

- Osteoarthritis check
- Renal disease screen
- Thyroid check
- Blood pressure check

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Do I look  
45?



I'm 64!

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