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A SENIOR DOG
 that just means I have
YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
 in the fine art of
FRIENDSHIP

Adopt a Senior Dog Month
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SENIOR PREVENTATIVE CARE MONTH

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IDEXX SENIOR SCREEN DISCOUNT!

We all know preventative care can save lives by early detection of disease, improve your pet's quality life and even extend your pet's life expectancy.

To celebrate our loyal senior pets, we are offering the IDEXX Senior Panel.

This Complete panel includes **Complete Blood Count**

A complete blood count (CBC) is a blood test used to evaluate your pet's overall health and detect a wide range of disorders, including anemia, infection and leukemia. A complete blood count test measures several components and features of your pet's blood, including: Red blood cells, which carry oxygen.

Biochemistry Profile

A biochemical profile is a blood test that assesses the function of internal organs, measures the electrolytes such as blood potassium, and identifies the levels of circulating enzymes.

Urinalysis

Urinalysis is a test that evaluates a sample of your pet's urine. Urinalysis is used to detect and assess a wide range of disorders, such as urinary tract infection, kidney disease and diabetes.

Thyroid Test

Thyroid hormone tests are blood tests that check how well your pet's thyroid gland is working. The thyroid gland makes hormones that regulate the way the body uses energy.

\$149.75 this month ONLY!

Regularly \$216.00

Preventative Care saves lives PERIOD

CPH DOG TRAINING TIP



CPH Training Tip How to Stop Your Dog from Pulling on a Leash:

Leash pulling is often successful for the dog because the person inadvertently reinforces the pulling by allowing their dog to get to where he wants to go when he pulls. But you can change this picture by changing the consequence for your dog.

When he pulls, immediately stop and stand completely still until the leash relaxes, either by your dog taking a step back or turning around to give you focus. When the leash is nicely relaxed, proceed on your walk. Repeat this as necessary.

You can avoid yanking by motivating your dog to follow



you with an excited voice to get his attention. When he is following you and the leash is relaxed, turn back and continue on your way. It might take a few turns but your vocal cues and body language will make it clear that pulling will not be reinforced with forward movement, but walking calmly by your side or even slightly in front of you on a loose leash will allow your dog to get to where he wants to go.

You can also reinforce your dog's decision to walk close to you by giving him a motivating reward when he is by your side.

Once your dog is listening to you more, you can vary the picture even more by becoming unpredictable yourself. This means your dog has to listen to you at all times because he never knows when you are going to turn or where you are going to go next. Instead of turning away from him when you give the let's go cue, reverse direction by turning towards him. You can turn in a circle or do a figure of eight. Any of these variations will

AVOIDING THE 'BACK TO SCHOOL' BLUES

get your dog's attention. Do not forget to praise him for complying, because the better you make him feel walking close to you, the more he will choose to do so.

BACK TO SCHOOL

With all the hustle and bustle of getting the kids ready and off for school, it can be easy to forget the dog. While back to school is usually an exciting time for the humans in the home, for your dog it can mean loneliness and boredom.

Now that everyone is back to their fall schedules, your dog may feel neglected. It is important to not disregard your dog's feelings — he loves you and he will miss you when you are not around.

Morning exercise: Not only will this let your dog know you still care, but getting out that extra energy means he is less likely to be destructive while you are gone.

Time to leave: When it is finally time to leave, don't make a big deal of it. Pet your dog, but don't get emotional — your dog can sense your emotions.

Back home:

When you return home for the day, again don't make a big deal of it. If you act



like you have been gone forever, he will think you have been gone forever. The best thing to do is ignore him when you first get home, then after a few minutes, calmly greet your dog and take him out to go to the bathroom if needed. Be consistent and soon the new routine will become normal and accepted.

Thank you for entrusting us with your Furry Family Members,
 Clovis Pet Hospital Staff



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