

Why Annual Health Checks Matter

Family Matters

As pet guardians, we all want the same thing—to enjoy as many happy, healthy years with our pets as possible. We make sure they're fed, exercised and loved, but one of the greatest gifts we can give them is an annual health check.

At Amity, we believe prevention is always better than cure. More importantly, we believe that **knowledge empowers confidence**. An annual health check isn't simply about finding problems—it's about helping you understand your pet and making informed decisions that keep them healthier for longer.

Pets Age Faster Than We Do

A year is a long time in a pet's life. Depending on their age and breed, twelve months can be equivalent to several human years. A condition that wasn't present last year can develop surprisingly quickly.

Regular health checks allow us to identify changes early, often before they become serious or expensive to treat.

Pets Are Masters at Hiding Illness

Unlike people, our pets can't tell us they have a headache, sore teeth or aching joints. Many animals instinctively hide signs of illness, meaning they often appear "normal" until a disease is quite advanced.

An experienced vet is trained to recognise subtle changes that you may never notice at home. Early detection can make all the difference.

It's More Than Just a Physical Examination

A health check is about much more than listening to the heart and feeling the tummy.

It's an opportunity to discuss:

- Nutrition and weight management.
- Dental health.
- Behaviour and lifestyle.
- Exercise and mobility.
- Parasite prevention.
- Vaccinations.
- Age-related concerns.
- Any questions or worries you may have.

Sometimes the most valuable part of the consultation isn't what we find—it's the conversation we have together.

Prevention Saves Heartache

Many common conditions, including dental disease, obesity, arthritis, heart disease and certain cancers, are easier to manage when detected early.

Early diagnosis often means:

- Better treatment options.
- Less discomfort for your pet.
- Lower treatment costs.
- Better long-term outcomes.

Looking after your pet's health proactively is one of the kindest things you can do for them.

Included with Amity Essential Membership

We believe preventative healthcare should be easy to access, not something people delay because of cost.

That's why **unlimited health checks are included as part of our Amity Essential Membership**. If you ever notice a lump, a change in behaviour, reduced appetite, a new limp, or simply feel that something isn't quite right, we'd much rather see your pet sooner rather than later.

Our goal is to support you throughout your pet's life—not just when they're ill.

Building a Lifetime Partnership

Your annual health check isn't just about one appointment each year. It's about building a relationship between you, your pet and your veterinary team.

The more we know about your pet's normal health, personality and lifestyle, the better we can recognise when something changes. Equally important, the more you understand your pet's health, the more confident you'll feel making decisions throughout their life.

At Amity, we don't believe the best consultation is the one where you leave with medication.

We believe it's the one where you leave with **understanding**.

The Best Investment You Can Make

Annual health checks are one of the simplest and most effective ways to help your pet live a longer, healthier and happier life. They're not simply an expense—they're an investment in the years you'll share together.

Because your pet isn't just another animal.

They're family.

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If you need more information, book an appointment with an Amity vet. We're here to Empower You Through Education and help you become your pet's greatest advocate.