

Veterinary Health Care Advancements

Leading edge health care does not have to be limited to people. There are constant improvements in healthcare to help our pet companions. Your pet deserves for you to know about these progressive changes to help them.

Veterinary medicine is now using laser for surgical patients, ultrasound as a diagnostic tool, and more comprehensive blood work to help detect disease early.

Over the last couple of years lasers have become available for veterinarians to use in everyday practice. The laser has several advantages over traditional surgery. It provides less pain, less swelling, and less blood loss during surgery. This tool is ideal for our feline friends for use in de-clawing. Cats that are de-clawed with a laser do not require wraps after surgery and have a 50% smaller incision. The nerves are sealed with a laser, which provides comfort after the procedure. The laser is also ideal for tumor removals, wart removals, air way surgery, and many other procedures.

Ultrasound has been around for years, but now the technology is advanced enough to be a diagnostic tool in veterinary medicine. Ultrasound is used on a daily basis to look at heart function, pregnancy checks, and evaluation of all abdominal organs. This tool helps look inside of an animal without surgery and can help guide such processes as biopsies. Ultrasound can also pick up early heart disease that would not be seen on x-rays.

Early detection allows better treatment for many heart problems as well as other conditions. Everyone knows that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. This idea is helping guide the way we look at our pets as they age.

Dogs over the age of 7 and cats over the age of 10 are considered to be a geriatric population. While most pets at this age appear healthy on the outside, it is during this time that disease processes start to happen. With comprehensive blood work, a lot of these processes can be detected early. Diseases such as diabetes, kidney disease, and liver problems can all be detected with blood work. With early detection, we can treat these problems with more success and give our pet a better quality of life for a longer period of time.

Unfortunately, our pet companions can not choose how to take care of themselves. We need to make decisions for them concerning their healthcare. Veterinary medicine is constantly advancing to help you take better care of your pets. The more you know about these advances, the better decisions you can make regarding your animal's health and well being.