



**PAWS & CLAWS
ANIMAL HOSPITAL
HOLISTIC PET CENTER**

Lameness

Musculoskeletal & Neurological Diseases

Your pet has been diagnosed with a musculoskeletal and/or neurological disease.

A fairly common problem seen in cats & dogs, musculoskeletal and/or neurological diseases need to be diagnosed early and treated aggressively to give your pet the quickest recovery time.

Testing must be done to properly stage and treat your pet's musculoskeletal and/or neurological disease.

Your pet will need some or all of the following testing to determine the stage of your musculoskeletal and/or neurological disease and to determine which natural medications will be most effective. Keep in mind, the sooner the testing is done, the sooner your pet can be treated using only natural therapies without the need of conventional medications. Please note that some treatment will be started today to help your pet on its way to recovery while we are awaiting results of additional testing.

If not already done, your pet may need the following tests to complete his/her musculoskeletal and/or neurological evaluation:

Chest/Abdominal Radiographs (X-rays) – These are done to evaluate the presence of musculoskeletal and/or neurological disease in your pet's body.

Abdominal ultrasound– This looks for other issues that might not be seen on a conventional radiographs (X-rays).

Blood Profile/ Urinalysis – These tests are done to see if another disease is present which might be affecting your pet's musculoskeletal and/or neurological disease, or to see if organ damage has already occurred from your pet's musculoskeletal and/or neurological disease. Also, these tests measure levels of inflammatory markers which will be used to monitor your pet's treatment.

Urine Culture- This test is done to determine if specific microorganisms are complicating your pet's musculoskeletal and/or neurological disease and to assist in treatment.

Fecal Analysis – Various tests are done on your pet's feces to help determine the presence of parasites which can impact your pet's treatment. These can include a microscopic fecal analysis looking for parasites, bacteria, and yeasts; Giardia, a parasite easily transmissible to people; and a fecal culture or PCR Test looking for DNA of specific microorganisms.

In order to slow down/stop the progression of your pet's musculoskeletal and/or neurological disease, please schedule your pet's evaluation within the next one to two weeks if not already completed during today's appointment.