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Client Notes for Rufus Garcia for 06/21/09: Rufus's Weight: 41.6 Lbs

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Rufus gained about 3.5 pounds in the past year; he weighs 41.6 pounds today. He is still in acceptable body condition but getting borderline of being heavy. Monitor his food intake; cut back on his treats and/or lower his food portions if he has been eating more the past months. We want to keep him around 34 to 35 pounds.

Overall, he looks great and is moving well for his 11-plus years. Temperature normal at 102.1F. His eyes are cloudy, age-related changes; no signs of cataracts and no vision problems. His ears are fine.

Continue with the great home dental care.

His heart and lungs sound good today; no murmur noted this visit; no congestion. We will continue to monitor his heart for murmurs as he gets older. Let us know if any coughing or apparent exercise intolerance (tires easily with activities).

Abdomen and joint palpation within normal limits.

Rectal exam and anal glands were fine.

We updated his distemper-parvo and bordetella vaccines. Let us know if any lethargy or soreness around his shoulders. We also submitted blood and urine for his senior screen and to check his white cell count.

Unless problems, best if we can see him for his general check-up and weight check in 6 months..tnt

ADDENDUM 06/22/09

Rufus' preliminary lab results look great. His white cell count is normal. No indication of pancreatitis.

Urine results are normal --- no infection/inflammation; good urine concentration (kidney function).

His preliminary thyroid level is good. The final thyroid level should be in later this week --- the more specific thyroid level (free T4 by equilibrium dialysis) is done when there's concerned of hypothyroidism; to confirm low thyroid level. Since his preliminary thyroid level is normal, the final result should be fine. We'll email you again later this week with the final results..tnt