









Consider this: When a cat is just 11 years old, that's equivalent to a human at 60 years old. For a senior or geriatric cat, six months is about the same as two years for a person. In that time, significant health changes can occur.

Adjusting the frequency of services for senior and geriatric patients helps ensure timely care throughout a cat's life. Be sure to discuss client benefit statements specific to older cat care in the "Getting Everyone on Board" section. Then, the entire practice will be prepared to discuss the importance of feline care at all ages and stages.

Life Stage		Age of Cat	Human equivalent
Kitten Birth to 6 months		0-1 mo.	0-1 yrs.
		2-3 mo.	2-4 yrs.
		4 mo.	6-8 yrs.
		6 mo.	10 yrs.
Junior 7 months to 2 years		7 mo.	12 yrs.
		12 mo.	15 yrs.
		18 mo.	21 yrs.
		2 yrs.	24 yrs.
Prime 3 years to 6 years		3 yrs.	28 yrs.
		4 yrs.	32 yrs.
		5 yrs.	36 yrs.
		6 yrs.	40 yrs.
Mature 7 years to 10 years		7 yrs.	44 yrs.
		8 yrs.	48 yrs.
		9 yrs.	52 yrs.
		10 yrs.	56 yrs.
Senior 11 years to 14 years		11 yrs.	60 yrs.
		12 yrs.	64 yrs.
		13 yrs.	68 yrs.
		14 yrs.	72 yrs.
Geriatric 15+ years		15 yrs.	76 yrs.
		16 yrs.	80 yrs.
		17 yrs.	84 yrs.
		18 yrs.	88 yrs.
		19 yrs.	92 yrs.
		20 yrs.	96 yrs.
		21 yrs.	100 yrs.
		22 yrs.	104 yrs.
		23 yrs.	108 yrs.
		24 yrs.	112 yrs.
		25 yrs.	116 yrs.