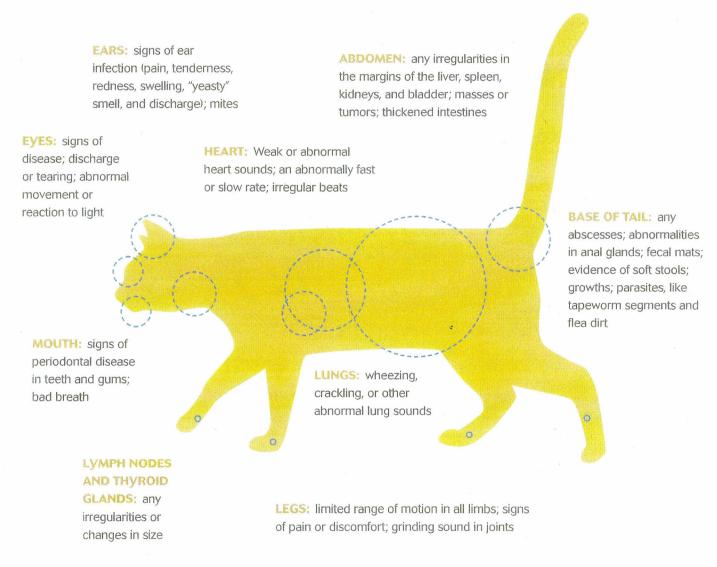
## Your cat's physical exam

Just what is the veterinarian looking for when they stare and gently push, pull, and poke your cat during a visit? Here's a breakdown of the major body systems they're checking out and what they're looking for (and hoping not to find).



**COAT, SKIN, AND NAILS:** poor overall quality of coat; lumps and bumps; rashes; areas of hair loss or excessive dander; matted or saliva-stained fur; fleas or ticks; callouses; overgrown or ingrown toenails; dehydration

INTERNAL ORGANS: we recommend blood work for older pets especially if they are 7+ years old. The techs and the doctor work together on looking at all of your pet's body and discuss what they see. Pets don't need to be touched a lot as that can make them uncomfortable in the exam room and we wish this to be a positive experience as much as possible. We also need your help especially if you noticed small growths when petting or grooming them or anything unusual to their normal daily activities.