



# Adult Ragdoll Cat

*Ragdoll cats are docile, placid and affectionate. You should also know they can be predisposed to the following ailments. Examinations twice a year and routine diagnostics to catch problems early, when they are easiest to treat, are recommended for the life of your cat.*

## Periodontal Disease

### Description

Ragdoll cats are prone to dental disease and gingivitis (inflammation of the gums).

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** Regular comprehensive examination including dental examination and routine dental cleaning.

### Why Needed

#### Dental disease can cause:

- Severe pain and discomfort, often leading to anorexia and weight loss
- Loss of teeth and bone
- Spread of infection to other body areas
- Potential for heart and kidney disease

## Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

### Description

This is a condition that involves a thickening of the muscle of the heart leading to severe compromise in heart function. There appears to be some genetic factors that may influence susceptibility to the disease. Males appear to be predisposed to the condition.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** Thoracic radiographs (chest X-rays) and echocardiography (an ultrasound examination of the heart). It is particularly important to run these tests prior to anesthesia.

### Why Needed

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy can result in significant cardiovascular disease including heart failure and death.

## Optimum Wellness Plans® and Ragdoll Cats

### Included in the Active Prevention Plan

- Comprehensive physical examination
- Ophthalmic (eye) examination (including fundic examination of the interior of the eye)
- Annual urinalysis and bloodwork to check blood glucose levels, liver and kidney function
- Annual dental cleaning

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