**Glaucoma**

**Description**
Glaucoma is a very painful condition in which fluid in the eye cannot drain as fast as it is being produced, leading to excessive pressure. The pressure crushes the lining of the retina.

**Early Detection**
**Recommended:** comprehensive exams twice a year, intraocular pressure check.

**Why Needed**
Glaucoma can contribute to:
- Extreme pain
- Squinting
- Watery, irritated eyes
- Swollen or bulging eyes
- Blindness

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**Periodontal Disease**

**Description**
Periodontal disease, which is inflammation and infection of gum tissue, occurs when plaque and tartar are allowed to build up on teeth. It progresses to gum recession, and bone and tooth loss.

**Early Detection**
**Recommended:** oral exams twice a year and annual dental cleanings.

**Why Needed**
Periodontal disease can contribute to:
- Pain
- Difficulty eating
- Jaw bone and/or tooth loss
- Kidney, liver and heart disease
- Behavioral changes

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**IVDD**

**Description**
Intervertebral Disc Disease (IVDD) is caused when the cushion between vertebra slips or ruptures. Emergency surgery is sometimes required.

**Early Detection**
**Recommended:** orthopedic and neurological exams twice year, possibly radiographs.

**Why Needed**
IVDD can contribute to:
- Severe pain
- Limited mobility
- Pressure on the spinal cord
- Paralysis

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**Optimum Wellness Plans® and Dachshunds**

**Included in the Active Prevention Plan**
- Twice yearly oral examinations*
- Annual dental cleaning
- Twice yearly orthopedic exams*
- Intraocular pressure check*
- Twice yearly neurological exams*

*Part of the comprehensive examination

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**Consult your Banfield medical team for the best plan level for your individual pet.**

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