



What to Expect at a Sick Visit

ADR (Not Acting Like Themselves)

Sometimes pets just aren't quite themselves—and you're right to trust that instinct. "ADR" (Ain't Doin' Right) visits focus on subtle or vague changes that may signal an underlying medical issue. Our goal is to listen carefully, assess the whole picture, and determine next steps to help your pet feel better safely.

(This document has been officially supervised by our hospital cat, Squeaky.)



Squeaky says: "If something feels off, it probably is."



Front Desk: Check-In

When you arrive, our front desk team will:

- Check you and your pet in
- Confirm your contact and pet's medical information
- Make sure we understand your main concerns for today's visit

Squeaky says: "Who came up with 'Ain't Doin' Right' as a medical term anyway?"



Meet the Nurse: The Big Picture Matters

One of our veterinary nurses will bring you to a private exam room to:

- Take your pet's vital signs (weight, temperature, heart rate)
- Review changes you've noticed, such as:
 - Decreased energy or appetite
 - Behavior changes (hiding, clinginess, irritability)
 - Vomiting, diarrhea, coughing, or changes in drinking or urinating
- Discuss when the changes started and whether they are improving or worsening

Even small details matter. Subtle changes are often very important in ADR cases.



Squeaky says: "Quiet, hiding, and skipping snacks are red flags."



Meet the Doctor: Putting the Puzzle Together

Your veterinarian will:

- Perform a thorough physical exam
- Review the full history and timeline of changes
- Assess whether the concern appears mild, concerning, or urgent
- Discuss possible causes affecting comfort, pain, or internal health

ADR visits often require a bit of medical detective work. The goal is to create a thoughtful plan based on findings—not assumptions.

Squeaky says: “I respect puzzles. Especially solvable ones.”



Possible Diagnostics We May Recommend (and Why)

Because symptoms can be vague, diagnostics often help guide care. We may recommend:

- **Bloodwork:** To evaluate organ function, inflammation, infection, or metabolic changes
- **Urinalysis:** To assess kidney health, infection, or hydration status
- **X-rays or ultrasound:** To look for internal pain, disease, or abnormalities
- **Additional testing or referral:** For ongoing or unclear cases

Diagnostics help ensure we treat the *right problem* in the safest, most effective way.



Squeaky says: “Why guess when we can test?”



Treatment, Monitoring & Follow-Up

Treatment plans vary depending on findings and may include:

- Medications for pain, nausea, inflammation, or infection
- Dietary or activity adjustments
- Supportive care and monitoring at home

We'll review:

- What improvement should look like
- What changes are no longer normal
- When to recheck or pursue further testing

Some ADR cases resolve quickly, while others require follow-up visits to get answers.

Squeaky says: “Healing takes time. And snacks. Mostly snacks.”



Our Vision — and Your Input Matters

Our vision is a clinic where observation, compassion, and communication guide care—making veterinary visits clearer, kinder, and less stressful.

Thank you for trusting us when something doesn't feel right. You know your pet best.



Squeaky says: “You noticed. That's everything. Great job!”

