

SENIOR CHECKLIST

Our pets are living longer and longer thanks to good care by owners and veterinarians. There are methods of detecting some diseases in their early stage allowing us to develop supportive care plans and treatments. This can give pets more comfort as they age and a longer and happier senior life.

Senior pets suffer many of the same ailments as humans in their senior years. Arthritis and degenerative joint disease, kidney, liver, and endocrine diseases, and heart disease are common to the senior pet. We recommend complete physical exams twice a year as well as complete bloodwork and urinalysis run annually on dogs and cats 7 years of age and older to help us detect early clinical signs of disease.

Please take a moment to answer the following questions in regards to your senior pet. Check all that apply to your dog or cat.

Appetite normal decreased increased other

Diet (Brand) _____

Activity Level normal tires easily decreased increased
 slow to rise limping difficulty with stairs

Water consumption normal decreased increased

Vomiting No Yes If yes, please explain and describe below

Dental normal difficulty chewing hard food bad breath visible tartar

Bowel Movements normal normal frequency abnormal
 diarrhea blood present other
 hard or infrequent stool

Urinations normal normal frequency abnormal
 straining increased frequency abnormal color
 leaks or loses control especially during rest

Skin and Hair coat normal dull dry hair loss
 flaking itching lump(s) tumor(s)

Breathing normal pants coughing other

If you checked cough or other, please describe below.

Vision normal difficulty in dark light red eyes
 drainage tearing mucous buildup
 bluish or glazed appearance

Behavior normal fearful of people fearful of storms
 anxious destructive calm
 forgetful/senile loss of house training

Please rate the level of discomfort your pet is in today- 1=no discomfort 2=slight discomfort
3=moderate discomfort 4=great discomfort 5=Unable to walk on own 1 2 3 4 5

Thank you for taking the time to answer the above questions. As the owner and caretaker, only you can answer them for us and it helps us to understand your pets overall health in their home environment.
