

Signs your Senior Dog May Be Suffering

Do you know the signs of pain and illness in your dog?

The following is a list of common age-related signs that your pet may be in pain or suffering from a disease or illness. Please let us know if your dog is showing any of these signs. Together, we can help ensure your “Golden-Ager” canine enjoys the best quality of life possible through out the senior years.

Behavioral Changes

- Decreased activity
- Less interaction with family members
- Less enthusiastic greeting behavior
- Sleeping more or sleeping during the day and staying awake at night
- Disorientation/confusion (getting “lost” in the house or yard)
- Less responsive to verbal cues or name
- Excessive barking or whimpering for no apparent reason
- Loss of housetraining

Physical Changes

- Weight gain (or loss)
- Changes in appearance (skin, coat, or muscle tone)
- Changes in eating or drinking habits, especially wanting to drink much more
- Increased urination
- Difficulty getting up after sleeping or resting for a prolonged period of time.
- Limping/change in walking/gait
- Poor vision or difficulty hearing
- Dental problems (stinky breath)
- Increase in infections
- Vomiting or diarrhea, especially if not due to “dietary indiscretion”
- Lumps or bumps



Changes can come on gradually and you may not realize it’s a problem or pass it off to old age. Instead your 4-legged friend may be suffering.

Give Big Creek Pet Hospital a call, **440-234-5831**, we can help. We have two Cleveland, OH veterinary clinics serving Southwest Greater Cleveland.