

PET PAIN AWARENESS



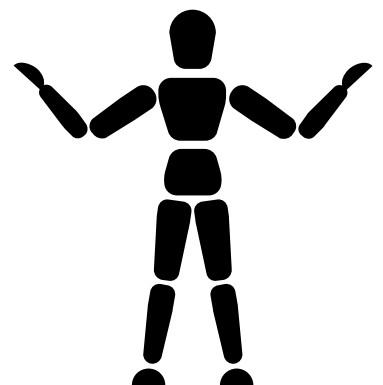
What To Know About Arthritis:

It's estimated that about 20% of dogs over the age of 7 and 90% of cats over age 12 will exhibit signs of arthritis. As pets age, they can experience osteoarthritis in weight bearing joints such as knees, hips, and elbows.

What is canine osteoarthritis?

Canine osteoarthritis (also known as degenerative joint disease or DJD) is the most common cause of chronic pain in dogs. This painful disease is caused by deterioration of joint cartilage, surrounding tissue and fluid. Over time, this can lead to bone-on-bone contact, chronic inflammation, swelling and a very uncomfortable life for a dog.

Early signs of osteoarthritis in canines can display as hesitation when jumping, slowing down on walks, or holding their legs out to the side. As osteoarthritis develops a patient may pause before jumping or slip when trying to jump to an elevated surface. A patient may show less interest in going for walks or even refuse to go for walks. When they do walk, they may limp, or their legs may appear stiff. Watching for these changes in behavior can help to spot osteoarthritis sooner so you can discuss treatment with your veterinarian.



Joint Health

As our pets age, they become more susceptible to joint degradation. Some breeds tend to have a higher likelihood of developing issues. Dasuquin Advanced is a Joint Health Supplement available to help with your pet's mobility and joint pain.

Here's some quick information on Dasuquin Advanced:

- Available for Cats and Dogs through your veterinarian
- Helps support cartilage matrix production
- Helps inhibit certain enzymes that breakdown cartilage
- Provides antioxidant support

Signs your cat may be in pain:

MOSTLY, PEOPLE CAN COMMUNICATE THAT THEY ARE IN PAIN

CATS HOWEVER ARE MASTERS AT MASKING PAIN.

HERE ARE SOME SIGNS TO LOOK FOR THAT YOUR KITTY MAY BE EXPERIENCING PAIN

THAT YOU CAN LOOK OUT FOR AND MENTION TO YOUR VET:

- DECREASED APPETITE OR NO INTEREST IN FOOD
- WITHDRAWN OR HIDING
- REDUCED MOVEMENT OR MOBILITY, OR HESITATION TO CLIMB STEPS
- DIMINISHED EXERCISE TOLERANCE
- DECREASED GROOMING
- CHANGES IN URINATION/DEFECATION HABITS
- SENSITIVITY OR VOCALIZATION TO PETTING
- TEMPERAMENT OR OTHER SUBSTANTIAL BEHAVIOR CHANGES
- SQUINTING

Employee of the Month

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