



# Care Animal Clinic

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The following questionnaire is designed to help you and your veterinarian provide the best care for your older pet.

As your pet ages, you may notice changes in behavior or daily activities that you may assume are normal signs of aging, but which may actually be symptoms of treatable disease. Many diseases of older pets can be successfully managed with medication, diet, and modification of your pet's lifestyle. The result can be a longer, happier life for you and your pet.

## Have You Noticed any of the Following?

- Decreased hearing or vision
- Tremors, weakness, or shaking
- Pet doesn't respond to commands or name
- Interacting less with family members
- Has developed compulsive behavior(s) such as circling or other
- Changes in sleep patterns
- Less interest in food/increased interest in food
- Loss of house-training
- Unable to recognize familiar places and people
- Confusion or disorientation
- Decreased activity/attention to the environment
- Intolerant of being alone
- Excessive panting
- Inappropriate, persistent vocalization
- Increased irritability/aggression
- Increased fear/anxiety
- Decreased general health/vigor/exercise intolerance
- Bad breath/difficulty chewing/drooling
- Coughing
- Stiffness/lameness/difficulty walking
- Increased thirst/urination
- Weight change (increased/decreased)
- Skin or hair coat changes
- Lumps or growths
- Clouding of the eyes
- Constipation
- Other

After your pet has been examined by the veterinarian, further diagnostic tests may be recommended based on the physical examination findings.

**Blood screen:** Blood chemistry and hematology tests provide an inside look at your pet's vital organs and the blood cells themselves. Only a small sample of blood is required to perform these tests.

**Urinalysis:** Many disease processes can be detected by testing the urine.

**X-rays or Ultrasound:** Provide visual pictures of internal areas of concern.

**Electrocardiogram (ECG):** May be required to evaluate the heart for various conditions.