



Owner Name:

Pet Name:

## Caring for Your Senior Pet

Have you noticed any behavior changes in your older pet recently?

Subtle changes may be signs of a medical or behavior issue.

To help us narrow the cause, please check all that apply.

### Disorientation—awareness—spatial orientation

- My pet gets stuck or has difficulty getting around objects or walks into doors or walls.
- My pet stares blankly at walls, the floor, or into space.
- My pet drops food or has a problem finding it.
- My pet goes to the hinge or wrong side of door.
- My pet gets lost or confused inside the house or yard.
- My pet sometimes seems disoriented or blind.
- My pet has not been recognizing familiar people or familiar pets.

### Altered social interactions

- My pet has decreased interest in petting, affection or time spent with family members.
- My pet is showing increased attention seeking or overattachment to family members.
- My pet is less social (avoids or is irritable or aggressive) with people or other animals.
- My pet is less playful with family members or other pets.

### Sleep–wake cycles

- My pet is experiencing instances of waking or being restless at night.
- My pet is sleeping noticeably more during the day.

### Housetraining, learning and memory

- My pet has been soiling indoors:  Urine  stools
- My dog has shown a decrease in or loss of signaling to go out.
- My cat has been soiling outside the litter box.
- My pet is showing a decreased response to its name or learned commands, tricks or work.
- My pet is less able or slower to learn new tasks or tricks—less able to focus.

### Anxiety or response to stimuli

- My pet is more fearful, anxious or unsettled.
- My pet is showing increased anxiety when separated from family members (separation distress).
- My pet is showing increased reactivity, startle or fear of sights or sounds.
- My pet is showing increased fear of new places, locations or surfaces.
- My pet is increasingly vocal during the daytime.

### Activity

- My pet is showing increased aimless or wandering activity or repetitive behaviors (circling, licking).
- My pet has decreased interest in walks, exercise, other things he used to enjoy.
- My pet is slowing down.