Senior Health Care Checklist

Your pet can age up to seven times faster than you do, which may explain why older pets are more likely to experience certain health and behavior problems. But how can you tell the difference between normal aging and warning signs of a serious health problem, such as arthritis and hip dysplasia? Review the list below and check those signs your pet is experiencing.

Difficulty climbing stairs Difficulty jumping up   
Increased stiffness or limping Loss of housetraining   
Increased/Decreased in drinking Increased/Decreased urination   
Changes in activity level Circling/repetitive movements   
Confusion or disorientation Excessive barking   
Less interaction with family Decreased responsiveness   
Tremors or shaking Skin and haircoat changes

Changes in sleeping patterns Less enthusiastic greeting or behavior

Increased/Decreased appetite Weight change   
Difficulty chewing or swallowing Excessive drooling   
Severe bad breath (a sign of periodontal disease) Diarrhea/vomiting that lasts more than a day   
Coughing that increases in frequency or severity Excessive panting or labored breathing   
Difficult or painful urination or defecation Seizures   
Lumps, bumps, swellings or wounds that don't seem to heal

Percent of time pet spends indoors\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_