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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_