



IS YOUR PET IN PAIN?

How to identify pain in pets

Seeing your pet in pain is difficult. Recognizing and managing that pain can be equally difficult. In some cases, it may not be so obvious because our pets can't tell us. The tips below can help you identify if your pet is in pain.

Subtle signs of pain in pets:

- Accidents in the house
- Withdrawal from normal interactions or antisocial behavior
- Decreased appetite
- Difficulty standing or rising
- Excessive grooming, chewing or licking at a particular area
- Hiding
- Jumping less
- Lethargy
- Restlessness
- Lack of grooming
- Unusual panting

Obvious signs of pain in pets:

- Arched back
- Doesn't want to be held or picked up
- Holding the limb up
- Lameness/limping
- Shaking or tremors not previously noted
- Unable or reluctance to move
- Unprovoked aggression
- Vocalizing, whining, crying out

If you recognize symptoms of pain, contact your veterinarian for a visit or if after hours, go to an emergency veterinary hospital.

Do not give your pet any human pain medication unless directed to do so by your veterinarian as certain human medications are toxic to pets and can make them feel worse.