

# Dog Senior Healthcare



## When is my pet dog a senior?

Dogs reach a senior stage at different ages, depending on their size and breed –

- small breeds – over 8 years
- medium breeds – over 7 years
- large breeds – over 7 years
- giant breeds – over 5 years

As we and our pet get older, we start noticing that both our bodies and theirs change a bit. This can be normal but sometimes there can be more than the ageing process going on. Ageing means that organs can start to show signs of wear and tear and like anything these problems are best faced early.

## Things to watch out for in your older pet!

### FOOD –

- Problems eating
- Losing weight while eating properly
- Increased appetite
- Obesity
- Drinking more / excessively
- Incontinence.

### ACTIVITY -

- Exercise intolerance
- Poor / reduced mobility
- Lethargy / sleeping more
- Eyesight / hearing problems
- Breathing problems
- Seizures or fits.

We would advise that older pets are **examined twice annually** to check their general health. A lot can happen in a year if you are approaching or over the 100 animal years old!

*Please contact us for an appointment if you have any concerns about your senior pet.*



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**For further information or advice please do not hesitate to contact us.**

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### opening hours

Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
8.30am–6.00pm

Tuesday & Thursday  
8.30am–7.00pm

Saturday  
10.00am–12.00 noon

### clinic hours

Monday–Friday  
9.00–11.00am

Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
3.00–6.00pm

Tuesday & Thursday  
4.00–7.00pm

Saturday  
10.00am–12.00 noon

*Consultation by appointment only*