

Senior Wellness Pre-Visit Screening Checklist

Senior and geriatric dogs are prone to more diseases and risks as they get older like chronic pain, dementia and cancer. Screening helps us identify issues and intervene and monitor areas that may impact their happiness as they age. Please fill out the following information at least 24 to 48 hours prior to your dog’s senior wellness exams.

Patient Name _____

Date _____

Chronic Pain Screening

Older dogs are prone to having chronic pain that they can easily hide. Have you noticed any of the following?

Dental Pain

- ☐ Smelly or foul odor from mouth
- ☐ Brown, gray or red coloring on teeth
- ☐ Loose or wiggly teeth
- ☐ Dropping food or hesitancy with eating

Joint Pain

- ☐ Limping after exercise
- ☐ Slow to rise
- ☐ Stiffness or ‘warms up’ as the day goes on
- ☐ Lagging behind on walks

Functional Screening

The risk of cognitive and functional decline increases every year as a dog ages. Have you noticed any of the following?

Mentation

- ☐ Disorientation
- ☐ Getting stuck in corners
- ☐ Changes in sleep pattern
- ☐ Changes in social pattern
- ☐ Anxiety
- ☐ Behavioral changes

Mobility

- ☐ Falls or slips more easily
- ☐ Difficulty with stairs or jumps
- ☐ Difficulty posturing to potty
- ☐ Needs assistance at times

Incontinence

- ☐ Frequent messes in house
- ☐ Unable to hold bowels or bladder

Senses

- ☐ Visual deficits
- ☐ Hearing deficits

Quality of Life Screening

Does your dog seem to enjoy their life?

- ☐ Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

Other

Are you interested in learning how to ‘senior dog proof’ your home?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you experience caretaker exhaustion at times?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are there any other concerns we haven’t asked about?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No