

Is My Dog In Pain?

Do any of these apply to your dog?

Consider in particular those where change has occurred. Is there something your dog has started doing, stopped doing, or does differently to how they always have done?

Behaviour

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| <input type="checkbox"/> is sleeping more | <input type="checkbox"/> is licking at one area obsessively |
| <input type="checkbox"/> is restless at night | <input type="checkbox"/> is eating less |
| <input type="checkbox"/> no longer wants to be touched | <input type="checkbox"/> no longer gets up to greet you |
| <input type="checkbox"/> is newly aggressive or reactive towards people or animals | <input type="checkbox"/> won't allow being brushed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> often pants, even at rest | <input type="checkbox"/> is anxious if there are unexpected noises |
| <input type="checkbox"/> no longer wants to go for walks | <input type="checkbox"/> is whimpering, yelping or moaning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> no longer wants to be held or picked up | <input type="checkbox"/> cannot get comfortable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> is trembling, pacing or circling | <input type="checkbox"/> is less interested in playing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> is reclusive and hiding | <input type="checkbox"/> is toileting inside when didn't previously |
| <input type="checkbox"/> won't settle in the car | <input type="checkbox"/> prefers to lie down to eat |

Capability & Gait

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| <input type="checkbox"/> can no longer jump into car or on sofa or bed, or appears to hesitate before attempting to | <input type="checkbox"/> has trouble getting up from laying down |
| <input type="checkbox"/> finds it difficult to go up or down stairs | <input type="checkbox"/> trips and stumbles when walking |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> is limping or not putting weight on a leg |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> is lagging behind on walks |

Appearance

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| <input type="checkbox"/> some nails are worn and others are long | <input type="checkbox"/> has a glazed or wide-eyed look |
| <input type="checkbox"/> is losing weight off his back end | <input type="checkbox"/> coat seems dull, or is no longer smooth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> has developed a mane | <input type="checkbox"/> ears are pinned back |
| <input type="checkbox"/> doesn't sit straight | <input type="checkbox"/> lies down in a strange position |
| <input type="checkbox"/> doesn't shed his coat well over his back legs | <input type="checkbox"/> doesn't use his tail much now |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> arches his lower back |

While some of these may be obvious as indicators as pain or discomfort, others are more subtle. This list is not exhaustive, and answering 'yes' to any of these does not indicate that your dog *is* experiencing pain or discomfort. If you feel your dog may be experiencing discomfort please contact your veterinarian ASAP.

