



OA and Chronic Pain Screening Questions

An answer of 'yes' to any of these questions is suggestive of chronic pain, which could be due to arthritis or another condition. Further examination and diagnostics are indicated to establish a diagnosis.

Mobility

- Is your dog reluctant to go for walks or lags behind on walks?
- Does your dog limp or favor one leg?
- Has your dog's ability or willingness to go up or down stairs changed?
- Does your dog have trouble getting up from laying down?
- Does your dog have difficulty jumping in the car or on furniture?
- Does your dog drag their feet when walking?
- Does your dog get up to greet you when you come home?

Behavior

- Has your dog become reactive or aggressive toward people or other animals?
- Has your dog become more clingy?
- Has your dog developed sensitivity to noise?
- Has your dog become more reclusive?
- Does your dog sleep more?
- Has your dog started having accidents in the house?
- Does your dog seem sad or depressed?

Comfort

- Is your dog restless at night?
- Does your dog struggle laying down or getting comfortable?
- Does your dog not want to be touched or pet?
- Does your dog tremble, pace or circle?
- Does your dog no longer want to be held or picked up?

Posture Changes

- Does your dog stand with a hunched back?
- Is your dog reluctant to turn their head or neck?
- Does your dog carry their tail tucked under more than they used to?
- Does your dog shift weight off of one leg or front to back when standing?

General Health

- Does your dog lick at one area obsessively?
- Has your dog's appetite decreased?
- Has your dog stopped sniffing during walks and instead pants heavily?
- Does your dog pant a lot, even at rest?