

Arthritis Checklist

If your dog or cat shows any of the above symptoms, he may have arthritis and should be evaluated. Notice that symptoms in cats are mostly changes in behavior, while symptoms in dogs tend to be more measureable and physical. Many of these symptoms develop gradually. Eventually they will worsen, but many pets suffer in silence for a long time. For dogs, signs of pain include muscle tremors (shivering), licking joints, excess panting, restlessness, and limping.

Treatment can make your pet happy and much more comfortable – you'd be surprised at how much more they'll be able to do! Treatment plans usually include weight loss, exercise therapy, vitamin supplements, medications, and modifications of your pet's home environment.