



Pain Recognition and Management

We do not want your pet to be painful. Below is a list of things you should monitor at home. If you think your pet is demonstrating these actions, please let us know.

- Lack of response to family and/or fellow pets
- Vocalization
- Not eating and drinking
- Not urinating or having bowel movements
- Hunched posture
- Furrowed brow, anxious facial expression
- Lowered head
- Unable or unwilling to lie down, pacing
- Unwilling or unable to rise
- Biting, pawing, rubbing at surgical site or wound
- Rapid respirations or panting
- Trembling
- Uncharacteristic aggressiveness or fear

Cat specific actions associated with chronic conditions

- Unwillingness to jump
- Failure to groom
- Soiling outside litter box

Simple things you can do at home to increase comfort.

- ✓ Provide warmth and a soft quiet place to rest and sleep.
- ✓ Gentle petting, scratching or even massaging distant from the sore area.
- ✓ A warm compress applied to the sore area, (except cat declaws.)

Pain medications can be used. Please call us before administering any medication that has not been specifically prescribed for your pet. Numerous over the counter products can be dangerous or even deadly if used incorrectly. Please call us first.