

## Arthritis Pain Increases with Cooler Weather

Like in humans, arthritis in pets causes joint inflammation. It can occur in any joint, including the spine and jaw, and affects about 20% of our patients, not all of them senior pets. *As your pet ages, it is important to learn to differentiate what is normal aging from what are abnormal changes in your pet's health.*

Signs of arthritis may be obvious – like the dog that is slow to rise or limps after playing, or the cat that no longer jumps up on furniture. Signs may be subtle – a dog that seems to prefer the floor to the bed now or avoids stairs, or a cat that doesn't jump as high as before. Increased sleeping and decreased activity are also reasons to look closer.

Watch your pet carefully as you interact for the warning signs of arthritis. Let us know so we can help you make a difference early. Relieving pain from arthritis can both enhance the quality and extend the duration of your pet's life. Unlike humans, our pets rarely complain, but no pet deserves to hurt.

Arthritis, though painful, is usually a controllable rather than a curable disease. Therapy is designed to treat pain and delay or prevent progression of serious or debilitating disease. Most human medications are inappropriate, and some even dangerous, but there are great medications available for our pets that can really improve their quality of life.

# Is Your Best Friend Suffering From Unnecessary Pain?



**Arthritis affects one in five adult dogs!**

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# Signs of Arthritis



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### DOES YOUR PET...

- Seem stiff or lame?
- Have trouble when first getting up?
- Enjoy walks less?
- Whine or whimper?
- Climb or jump less?
- Sleep more?

If your pets show any of these symptoms, call us right away. Your pets need you to notice when they need a trip to the **Pompton Lakes Animal Hospital** to see us. *Together we can make a difference.*

**SPECIAL PET HEALTH MESSAGE—** Call today to set up your pet's arthritis exam! Bring in this card to receive a FREE 10 day trial of a promising new arthritis drug, FREE gift, and a 25% DISCOUNT (medications not included) on your pet's complete exam. Thank you! (offer expires 90 days from postmark)