

# The Senlac Veterinary Centre

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## CARE OF THE SENIOR PET

A senior pet is one that is considered to be in the last third or their anticipated life span. However this varies with breed, size, species and lifestyle.

SMALL DOG BREEDS: 8-9 YEARS

LARGE DOG BREEDS: 6 YEARS

CATS: 9 YEARS

In this pack we have put together some relevant leaflets, covering the following:

Joint care

Nutrition

Stress

Heart & brain function

A member of staff will be happy to advise you further or answer any questions

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You know your pet better than anyone else. It is important that you monitor and take control of any significant or insignificant changes that may occur, be they physical or behavioural.

## **THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN YOUR ELDERLY PET:**

- Weight loss/gain
- Increased fluid intake
- Any change in appetite
- Changes in urinating/defecating
- Lameness
- Incontinence
- Lethargy
- New lumps/skin complaints
- Deterioration of sight or hearing
- Drooling or foul smelling breath
- Sudden collapse or weakness
- Coughing
- Fur/coat condition
- Stiffness
- Unexplained behavioural changes

If your pet is drinking excessively please bring in a fresh urine sample.

**If you are concerned about your pet, please book in to see one of our vets.**