Is Your Dog in Pain?

Dogs often have pain from arthritis and many other conditions but it can be very challenging to tell if your pet hurts, because dogs have a natural instinct to hide their pain. There are many options to treat pain in dogs and give them a more comfortable life. Please use the checklist below to help your veterinarian determine if your dog is in pain.

Your Name: ________________________________________________

Pet Name: _________________________________________________

Check all the things you have noticed in your dog:

☐ Difficulty getting up or lying down
☐ Difficulty walking or running (limps or goes more slowly)
☐ Difficulty jumping up or down from the car or furniture
☐ Difficulty walking on slippery floors
☐ Difficulty going up or down stairs
☐ Less playing or exercising with you or other animals
☐ Restlessness or difficulty finding a comfortable position
☐ Vocalizing (whimpering, groaning, or crying) when touched or moving
☐ Decreased appetite
☐ Less desire to interact with people or animals (hiding, resisting being pet, held, or picked up)
☐ Excessive licking, biting or scratching a body part
☐ Sleeping in an unusual position
☐ Unusual aggression when approached or touched (biting, growling, or ears pinned back)
☐ Panting or trembling when resting
☐ Changes in eye expression (staring, dilated pupils, vacant look, or squinting)
☐ Other Concerns: _____________________________________________________________________

Did you know that your veterinary care team is a member of the International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management (IVAPM), which is an international organization committed to insuring that animals have a pain free life.

Have questions about this information? Contact IVAPM at Info@IVAPM.org

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