

Behavior Screen for Older Dogs and Cats

Please complete this form to give our team important information about your pet.

1. Locomotory/ambulatory assessment. Check one.

- No alterations or debilities noted
- Modest slowness associated with change from youth to adult
- Moderate slowness associated with geriatric aging
- Moderate slowness associated with geriatric aging plus alteration or debility in gait
- Moderate slowness associated with geriatric aging plus some loss of function (e.g. cannot climb stairs)
- Sever slowness associated with extreme loss of function, particularly on slick surfaces (may need to be carried)
- Severe slowness, extreme loss of function, and decreased willingness or interest in moving
- Paralyzed or refuses to move

2. Appetite assessment. Check all that apply.

- No alterations in appetite
- Change in ability to physically handle food
- Change in ability to retain food (vomits or regurgitates)
- Change in ability to find food
- Change in interest in food
- Change in rate of eating
- Change in completion of eating
- Change in timing of eating
- Change in preferred textures

3. Assessment of elimination function. Check one in each category.

a. Changes in frequency and "accidents"

- No change in frequency, no accidents
- Increased frequency, no accidents
- Decreased frequency, no accidents
- Increased frequency with accidents
- Decreased frequency with accidents
- No change in frequency but with accidents

b. Bladder Control

- Leaks urine when asleep
- Leaks urine when awake
- Leaks urine when awake or asleep
- Full-stream, uncontrolled urination when asleep
- Full-stream, uncontrolled urination when awake
- Full-stream, uncontrolled urination when awake or asleep
- No leakage or uncontrolled urination, all urination controlled, but in inappropriate or undesirable location
- No change in urination control or behavior

c. Bowel control

- Defecates when asleep
- Defecates without apparent awareness
- Defecates when awake and aware of action, but in inappropriate or undesirable locations
- No changes in bowel control

4. Visual acuity: How well do you think your cat or dog sees? Check one.

- No change in visual acuity detected by behavior, appears to see as well as ever
- Some change in acuity not dependent on ambient light conditions
- Some change in acuity dependent on light conditions (e.g. doesn't see as well in the dark)
- Extreme change in acuity not dependent on light conditions
- Extreme change in acuity dependent on light conditions
- Blind

5. Auditory acuity: How well do you think your cat or dog hears? Check one.

- No apparent change in auditory acuity
- Some hearing loss
- Extreme hearing loss
- Deaf

6. Play interactions: If the dog or cat plays with toys, which situation best describes that play? Check one.

- No change in play with toys
- Slightly decreased interest in toys
- Slightly decreased ability to play with toys
- Slightly decreased interest and ability to play with toys
- Extreme decreased interest in toys
- Extreme decreased ability to play with toys
- Extreme decreased interest and ability to play with toys

7. Interactions with people: Which situation best describes that interest? Check one.

- No change in interaction with people
- Recognizes people but slightly decreased frequency of interaction
- Recognizes people but greatly decreased frequency of interaction
- Withdrawal but recognizes people
- Does not recognize people

8. Interactions with other pets: Which situation best describes that interaction? Check one.

- No change in interaction with other pets
- Recognizes other pets but slightly decreased frequency of interaction
- Recognizes other pets but greatly decreased frequency of interaction
- Withdrawal but recognizes other pets
- Does not recognize other pets
- No other pets or animal companions in house or social environment

9. Changes in sleep-wake cycle. Check one.

- No changes in sleep patterns
- Sleeps more during the day
- Some change, awakens at night and sleeps more during the day
- Much change, profoundly erratic nocturnal pattern and irregular daytime pattern
- Sleeps virtually all day, awake occasionally at night
- Sleeps almost around the clock

Other: _____