

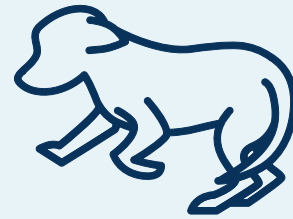
Is Your Dog in Pain?

Your dog can't tell you when and where they hurt so look for these subtle changes and contact your veterinarian or nearest WestVet if you think your pet is in pain.



Activity Level

- Difficulty getting up
- Reluctant to move
- Restless
- Seeks more affection than usual
- Trembling, circling, or lying very still



Self-Protection

- Doesn't put weight on a limb
- Doesn't want to be held or picked up
- Hides
- Limp
- Protects a body part



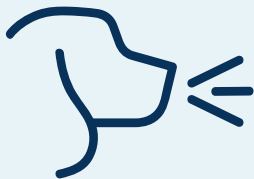
Grooming

- Coat lacks normal shine
- Hair stands up in places



Posture

- Hunched, with hindquarters raised and front end down on the ground
- Lays on its side



Vocalizing

- Groaning
- Grunting
- Howling
- Whimpering
- Whining
- Yelping



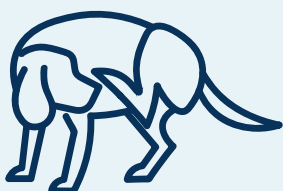
Facial Expression

- Flattened ears
- Glazed, wide-eyed, or looks sleepy
- Pants excessively when at rest
- Vacant stare



Daily Habits

- Changes in sleeping or drinking
- Decreased appetite
- Lapses in housetraining
- Withdraws from social interaction



Self-Mutilation

- Licking
- Biting
- Scratching a particular part of its body



Behavior

- Acts out of character (example, a normally aggressive dog is docile)
- Growls, hisses, bites
- Pins ears back