

Does Your Dog Have Dementia – Checklist

Sleep and awake patterns

- Changes in sleep pattern
- Sleeps more during the day, less at night
- Wanders or cries at night
- Keeps family up at night
- Disorientation
- Performing the same behaviours over and over
- Having trouble eating or drinking
- Doesn't respond to her name
- Doesn't respond to cues/commands
- Wanders aimlessly/paces
- Seems lost or confused in familiar surroundings like the house or yard
- Gets stuck in corners or other tight spaces and just stands there
- Has trouble with stairs
- Stares into space or at walls
- Difficulty finding the door
- Stands on hinge side of the door
- Does not get out of the way when the door is opening
- Stands at wrong door to go out
- Does not recognize family or friends
- Gets stuck under or behind furniture
- Has difficulty learning new things
- Walks in circles, usually in one direction

Housetraining issues

- May not remember the signal to go outside
- Goes outside and just wanders, then pees and poops in the house
- Does not let you know she has to go out like she used to
- A perfectly housebroken dog seems to have forgotten her training

Interaction with family and others in your household

- Does not greet anyone, or if she does she's less enthusiastic than usual
- Does not look for attention like she used to
- Walks away when petted
- Withdrawn from family

Anxiety

- Seems fearful and/or anxious
- Easily startled
- Barks for no apparent reason
- Aggressive but never was before
- Trembles for no apparent reason
- Afraid of people she knows

Activity level

- Less enthusiastic about her toys
- Plays less or not at all