Recognizing Pain in Your Pet

Check all that apply

Abnormal Posture

- O Prefers lying to sitting or standing
- O Sitting or resting in abnormal position
- Shifting position frequently

Vocalizing

- Crying/whining
- Unusually quiet

Abnormal Gait

- Limping
- Stiffness, particularly after resting
- Trouble getting up from a lying or seated position
- Lagging behind or tiring easily during walks

Breathing

Panting excessively

Activity

- Lost interest in doing things that are typical for your dog
- Reluctance to go for walks/climb stairs
- Restless
- Shivering/trembling

Responsiveness

- O Cries or tries to bite when handled
- Withdrawn
- O Doesn't respond in situations that he/she used to

Appetite

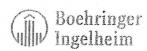
Change in normal eating pattern

Grooming

- Looks unkempt
- O Licking or chewing in one area

If you have placed a checkmark beside any of the above behaviors, your pet may be in pain. Early diagnosis and treatment contribute to your pet's quality of life. Discuss these signs with your veterinarian to determine the best course of action.

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