

Cognitive Assessment and Health Concerns for Dogs

Date Pet's Name Age

Category	Sign	Does not occur or is not applicable	Occurs once a month	Occurs once a week	Occurs once a day/night	Occurs more than once a day/night
DISORIENTATION	Appears lost/wanders between rooms without purpose					
	Paces back and forth excessively or circles					
	Vocalizes without apparent reason during the day or evening (barks or whines)					
	Vocalizes without apparent reason during sleeping hours (barks or whines)					
	Stares into space or stares absently at the floor or walls					
	Stands in corners					
	Gets stuck under or behind objects					
	Doesn't seem to recognize family members or housemate pets					
	Doesn't seem to recognize or is startled by familiar objects					
	Walks or bumps into doors or walls					
	Has trouble finding food that is dropped on the floor					
	Less interested in or less reactive to sights and sounds					
	Has trouble finding food or water bowl					
	Stands at the hinge side of the door to be let out					
Appears lost in the yard or inappropriately wanders away from home						

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	More reactive to sights and sounds					
	Increased fear of new places/locations					
INTERACTIONS	Disinterested in greeting family members					
	Hiding/sleeping in unusual places					
	Less interest in being petted					
	Irritable or aggressive with family members					
	Less interest in play with housemate pets					
	Irritable or aggressive with housemate pets					
	Increased anxiety when owners are away/doesn't like being left alone					
	More clingy					
	More aloof					
SLEEP/WAKE CYCLE	Awake less time during the day than asleep during the day					
	Agitated or restless during the day or evening					
	Awake at night more time than asleep at night					
	Paces at night					
	Agitated or restless during sleep hours					

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HOUSE SOILING	Urinate inappropriately in the house					
	Defecate inappropriately in the house					
	Urinate inappropriately in front of owner					
	Defecate inappropriately in front of owner					
	Urinate but seems unaware					
	Defecate but seems unaware					
	Doesn't signal a need to go outside					
	Eliminate inappropriately indoors right after being outdoors					
	Urinate or defecate in unusual locations outdoors (on concrete)					
ACTIVITY AND LEARNING	Less or no interest in play or toys					
	Less or no interest in going for walks					
	Less or no interest in exploring					
	Seems to have forgotten trained commands or name					
	Difficulty learning new commands or routines					
	Decreased focus/hard to get and retain dog's attention					
	Exhibits repetitive behaviors					

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ADDITIONAL HEALTH CONCERNS	Vomiting					
	Diarrhea					
	Constipation					
	Straining to urinate					
	Straining to defecate					
	Vision loss					
	Hearing loss					
	Hair loss or thinning					
	Decreased appetite					
	Decreased water consumption					
	Increased appetite					
	Increased water consumption					
	Hesitant to jump up or down from favorite spots (couch, bed, car)					
	Hesitant or unwilling to use stairs					
	Limping					
Weakness or lethargy						
Seizures						