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A senior dog is one that is getting older.

You may notice that they are a little more grey than when they were younger, they may be a bit slower and more happy having an afternoon snooze instead of running about the place. Sometimes, senior dogs are just as bouncy as a younger pups!

Whether they are lively or a little bit more on the quiet side, you will still need to know how to care for them to keep them happy and healthy.

As pets get older they may need a little more care and we are here to help you and your furry senior continue to be the best of friends.

My dog



## The Vetsure Kids Golden Rule

A senior dog may want to take it easy, this could mean that they need slower walks where they can just have a bit of a sniff about. They may even need shorter walks or even no walks at all if they are finding it hard to get around.

One thing they will definitely appreciate is a nice comfy quiet bed where they can relax and enjoy a snooze. When senior pets are sleeping they should be left alone to relax. It is

important to be kind to our pets, especially the senior ones as they may be more uncomfortable if you accidently pull them about.

That's why it is important to remember the Vetsure Kids Golden Rule which is:

"If you should not do it to a friend at school, then you should not do it to your pet."

What this means is, if you should not pull your school friend's hair, then you also should not pull your dog's ears or tail.





## Caring for your Senior Dog



- ✓ All pets need food and water you can make sure your dog has fresh water every day and that you feed them the right kind of dog food. Make sure not to feed your dog human food as it can make them quite poorly.
- ✓ Your senior dog will really love having a big comfy bed and a quiet place to go if they need to. If your dog is in their bed or in a favourite quiet spot then they may need some time to themselves, so be sure to give them space and leave them alone.
- ✓ Some senior dogs may have achy bones, this happens sometimes as they get older. They may even need medicine everyday to stop them aching. It is very important if your dog is achy or uncomfortable not to climb on them or pull them about. You may think you are playing but it could accidently hurt them.
- ✓ Your senior pet may need to go to the toilet more often than usual, so if you see your dog scratching at the door to go out, make sure you let a grown up know straight away so they don't have any accidents. Remember never open a door to outside without asking your grown up first.

When your dog is asleep or eating, try leave them alone.





Being Safe with Medicine

Sometimes senior dogs will need to take medicine everyday for all sorts of reasons. This medicine will have been chosen by your vet and is perfect for your pet!

Here are some rules about medicine:

- You must never touch your pet's medicine as it can be dangerous for children.
- Medicine should only be given to your pet by a grown up.
- The medicine for your pet should be kept in a cupboard out of the way.
- If you ever find your pet's medicine, you should tell an adult who can put it away in a safe place.







## This is my Senior Dog

We would love for you to send us a drawing of your senior dog!

Your grown up can email your picture to marketing@vetsure.com



