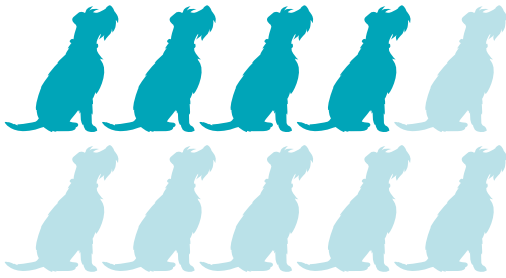
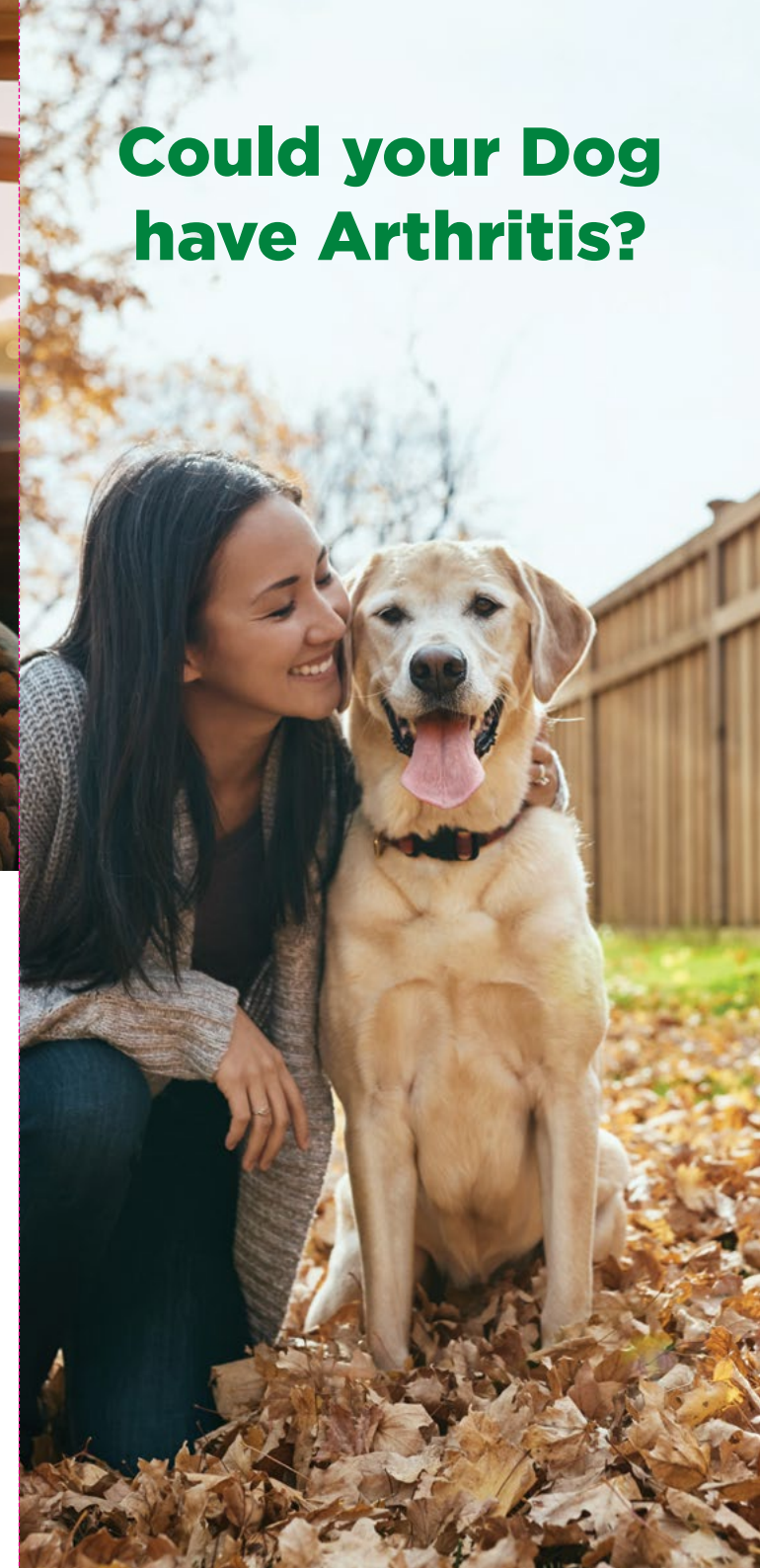
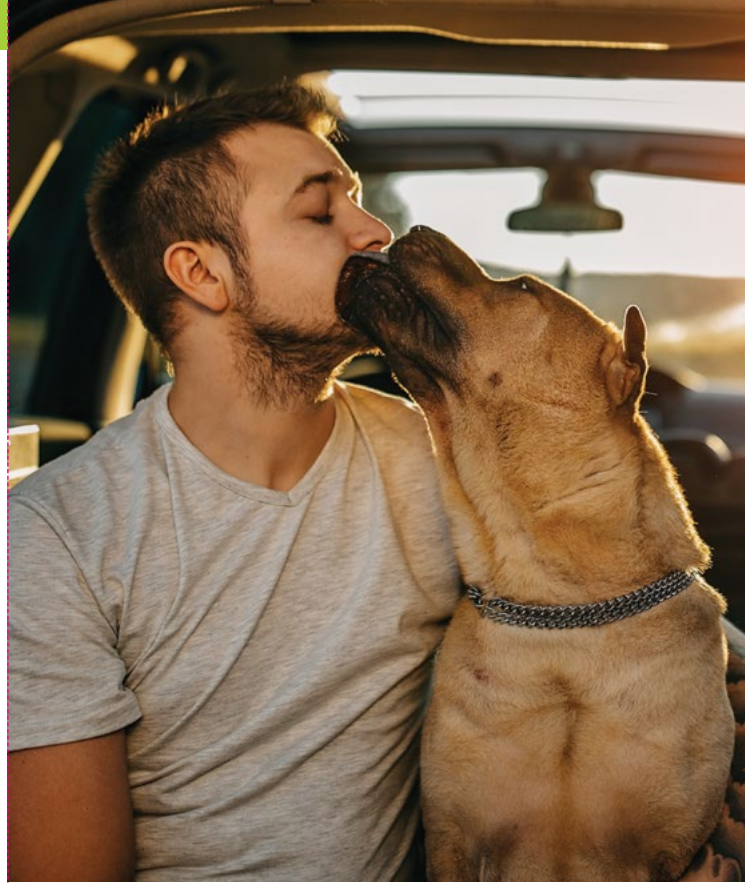


## DOGS OF ALL TYPES MAY BE AFFECTED BY ARTHRITIS PAIN

- 🐾 Arthritis pain is often caused by hip dysplasia or various other physical conditions
- 🐾 Excess weight can often contribute to arthritis and make it worse
- 🐾 Dogs age faster than humans and arthritis pain will affect them much earlier in life than is often recognised
- 🐾 Both large and small dogs should be screened for arthritis
  - Small dogs are often not diagnosed because physical changes can be more difficult for pet owners to recognise



**Around 4 out of every 10 dogs have signs of arthritis pain<sup>2</sup>—do you know how to recognise the symptoms?**



## Could your Dog have Arthritis?

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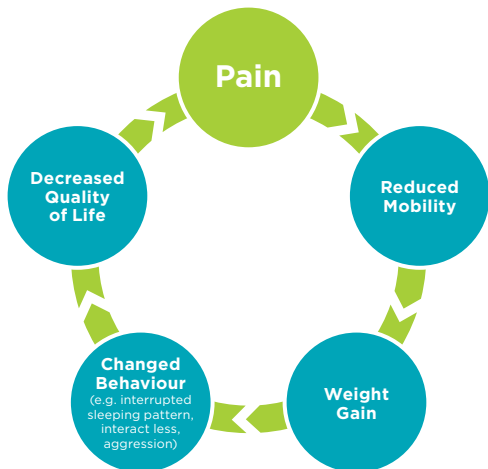
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## ARTHRITIS AND YOUR DOG

### Sniff Out Arthritis PAIN...and Stop it in its Tracks

Arthritis is a condition that leads to pain and progressive degeneration of the joint.<sup>1</sup> It affects many aspects of a dog's life including limited mobility, painful joints and a poor quality of life. Signs can often be subtle and dogs will rarely yelp, cry or vocalise the pain they are experiencing. It is therefore important to look out for signs like limping, slowing down on walks, slow to rise and difficulty jumping. While many cases of arthritis occur in older, overweight and larger breed dogs, the condition can affect dogs of all sizes, ages and breeds. Many cases go undiagnosed because owners assume slowing down is a natural symptom of getting older. **Dogs don't have to suffer the pain of arthritis—no matter their age.**



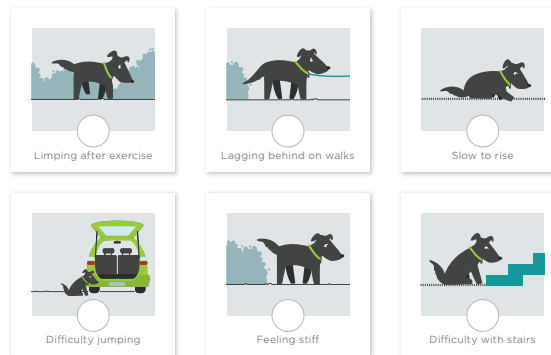
It is therefore important for pet owners to recognise the signs of arthritis and to seek veterinary advice and help to provide your pet the pain relief it needs.

## COULD YOUR DOG HAVE ARTHRITIS?

**Any dog can develop arthritis. Knowing the signs will help you determine when your dog may need veterinary attention.**

This checklist will help identify your dog's activities and behaviours that might be signs of arthritis, that can be painful.

**Think about your dog's activity in the past week. Check all of the signs that you've observed in your dog below.**



If you ticked any of these behaviours in your dog, it's possible your dog is suffering from arthritis pain.

**Speak with your veterinarian. The sooner an affected dog is properly diagnosed and treated, the sooner your dog can return to a better quality of life.**

## MANY DOGS ARE SUFFERING IN SILENCE...

**...and while we can't stop the disease, we can manage the pain and give dogs a good quality of life**

- 🐾 Treating pain can help maintain muscle, reduce weight, and improve quality of life—for all dogs with arthritis
- 🐾 Recognising and treating pain can help restore the important bond between pet owners and their dogs



**Although the disease cannot be cured your veterinary surgeon can recommend treatments and a long term plan to ensure your dog lives a pain free life.**

**For more helpful hints, please visit <https://www.zoetis.co.uk/oa-pain/canine-oa-pain.aspx>**