

2023 Senior Care Guidelines for Dogs and Cats



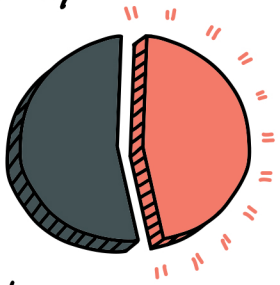
Here are just a few of the ways you and your team can become champions for senior pets:

Let family members know that **aging is not a disease**, and there's a lot they can do to make their senior pets' golden years enjoyable AND rewarding.

- ★ Because of variations in breed, size, lifespan, and species, senior plans **cannot be one-size-fits-all**
- ★ Healthy and unhealthy senior pets require different approaches to management

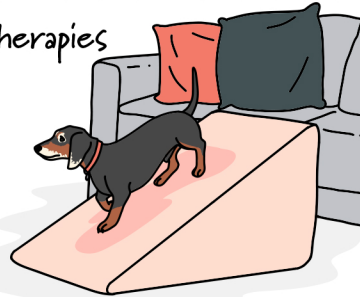


Senior dogs and cats represent **44%** of the pet population, and they deserve the best care we can offer in their senior years.




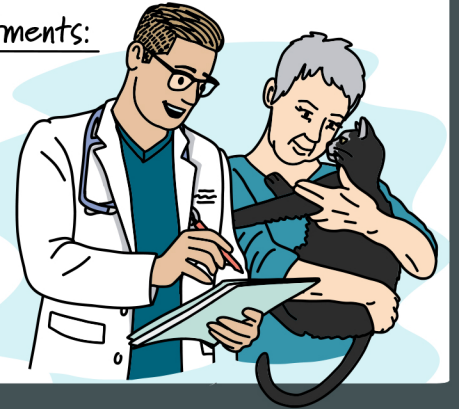
Recognize that senior care is **multifaceted** and includes:

- ★ Medical and interventional therapies
- ★ Behavioral management
- ★ Awareness of comorbidities
- ★ Environmental modification





Plan ahead for senior pet appointments:

- ★ Schedule extra time 
- ★ Discuss expectations and progression with clients
- ★ Offer handouts/resources to support and educate clients



Create physical spaces that are **senior friendly**, including:

- ★ Designated rooms for seniors that are **calm and noise-free**
- ★ Use of ramps, rugs and floors with good traction 
- ★ Plenty of **padding and soft bedding** for seniors in exam rooms, treatment areas, and kennels 
- ★ Create and use **pre-visit** questionnaires, videos, and pictures to mark progress/progression in senior patients

Let your clients know:



Patient: Roscoe

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