

Did you know? A dog is considered to be 'senior' at **11 years old** for small and medium breeds and **7 years for large and giant breeds**. Hopefully they're still fit, well and acting like a puppy, but as they become a 'senior' pet we need to keep a close eye out for health problems that occur more commonly with old age. Diseases to be on the lookout for include:

- Osteoarthritis
- Dental Disease
- Kidney and Bladder Disease
- Diabetes
- Senile Changes



Many of these conditions can be difficult to detect in the early stages and can be serious if left undiagnosed. That's why we're inviting all 'senior' dogs to attend a **free Senior Dog Clinic** run by our experienced and qualified veterinary nurses to help them continue to live long, happy, healthy lives.

INCLUDED IN THE FREE SENIOR DOG CLINIC

20-minute consultation with a nurse to cover:

- Arthritis assessment
- Dental Check
- Weight Check – including advice on diet and exercise
- Clip Claws (if needed)
- Urine test if you can bring a sample (free sample pots available)

Any problems flagged up can then be discussed with a vet as needed. Each dog can attend a free clinic once every 12 months. To find out more, or to book a free Senior Dog Clinic appointment, call 01280 703451.

For more information on signs of disease and general care of older pets search for **Older Care** in the **Pet Info Library** on our website.