Signs of Pain in Dogs & Cats



- Decreased social interaction
- Increased sleeping
- Anxious expression
- Reluctance to move
- Whimpering, groaning, yelping
- Panting when resting
- Lameness or limping
- Not going up or down stairs
- Lack of interest in food or play
- Sudden behavior changes (e.g. aggression, biting, growling)
- Arched or hunched back
- Excessively chewing or licking a particular area of the body



- Hiding
- Reduced activity
- Changes in litter box habits
- Hissing, spitting, screaming
- Lack of agility or jumping
- Excessive licking/grooming
- Stops grooming/matted fur
- Stiff posture or gait
- Tail flicking
- Loss of appetite, weight loss
- Changes in facial expressions: squinting eyes, ears pointing outward, tense muzzle

