

Treating and Preventing Osteoarthritis

Consult your vet to find out the best treatments and preventative measures for your dog. There are a number of things that can help a dog with osteoarthritis.

Weight Management

You have control over the amount and type of food your dog eats. Talk to your vet about the best diet for your dog to maintain a healthy weight.

Smart Exercise

It's important to find the right exercise that suits your dog. Too much exercise or the wrong type can be just as harmful as no exercise at all. Your dog needs low impact exercises that offer a good range of movement, build muscle and limit wear and tear on the joints. Examples include:

- Walking or jogging on grass
- Walking on treadmills
- Swimming
- Going up and down stairs.

Always warm up your dog's muscles before they exercise. Massage can help increase movement in stiff muscles.

Home and environment

Arthritis often gets worse in cold or damp weather. Keep your dog warm with a blanket or dog jumper. Your dog's sleeping environment should be dry and warm with a firm comfortable base.

Medication

Osteoarthritis is a painful disease. Your vet may prescribe medication which provides pain relief and helps reduce inflammation.

There is now a convenient and effective treatment that only needs to be given once monthly. Discuss with your vet whether this treatment option is suitable for your dog.

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