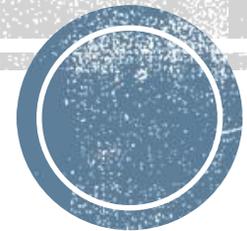




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Could your pet have arthritis?

If you're finding it a bit harder to get out of bed on these colder mornings, spare a thought for your pet. Arthritis loves to rear its ugly head around this time of the year and the reason your pet might be sleeping in more than usual could be due to pain.

Arthritis is characterised by the wearing down of the cartilage that covers the bones at the end of a joint. This cartilage usually helps joints move freely but as it wears down, the ends of the bones become exposed and rub together. This can be very painful and can really affect your pet's quality of life.

Arthritis does seem to be worse in the colder months but it can certainly affect your pet all year round. It is very important to understand that your pet won't necessarily limp or yelp if they are in pain so we recommend you watch out for these signs:

- Hesitant to jump into the car, up onto furniture or use stairs
- Lowers their body slowly when going to lie down then falls in a heap
- Is a bit slow to get going after getting up and may slip on floorboards
- Is slowing down on walks or is reluctant to walk as far as they used to
- Exhibits behavioural changes such as being a bit grumpier than usual

Try not to put any of the above changes down to your pet "just getting old". Even if your pet is a senior animal, they shouldn't be uncomfortable! The best news is that there are plenty of ways to manage arthritis. We work towards a multi-targeted approach where we use different drugs to reduce the overall dose rate and side effects of any one treatment.

Now is the perfect time for an arthritis check with us, phone now to make an appointment on 4061 2590



Bird Species That Make Fantastic Pets

It's no surprise that many potential bird owners want a bird who is friendly, gentle, and well-suited to being a companion pet. These traits are even more important for anyone with little or no experience caring for pet birds. It's easier to bond with and care for an animal who has a natural disposition for being friendly and affectionate than one who is frightful and aggressive.

It's almost a guarantee that all bird owners will sustain a bite here and there. However, it is possible to minimize the risk by choosing a species known for having a gentle and sociable demeanour. The two bird species below have a reputation for being some of the most loving and friendly companions around.

One of the most popular pet bird species in the world are budgies. When properly tamed and cared for, budgies make extraordinarily friendly and affectionate pets. On top of being small and easy to care for, budgies take well to training and can learn to perform many fun bird tricks.

Best of all, budgies have the ability to learn to talk. They delight people of all ages with their cute and comical little voices.

Next in line is the beautiful and captivating cockatiel which is another great choice for anyone looking for a friendly and affectionate pet bird. They originate from right here in Australia and these birds make excellent pets when hand-fed as babies and raised in loving environments.

While they don't normally learn to talk, cockatiels are exceptionally intelligent. Many learn to mimic common household noises such as doorbells, telephones, and microwaves. Being rather small, they don't require as much space. Therefore, they're easier to house and care for than some of the larger breeds of parrot.

Our clinic has an interest in bird health and is constantly updating it's employee skills set within this area to provide our clients with peace of mind when CCVS is caring for their sick or injured birds.



Do you have a favourite pet photo or pet selfie you would love to share?

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We would love to see our patients when they are out and about enjoying life with their families.





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