

# The Most Common Signs of Pain in Your Pet

## **Decreased activity**

*take notice if your pet is not playing as much as usual*

## **Not going up or down stairs**

*this could be an early sign of osteoarthritis*

## **Reluctance to jump up onto surfaces**

*this especially applies to cats*

## **Difficulty standing after lying down**

*is a sign of osteoarthritis*

## **Decreased appetite**

*this can signal mouth pain*

## **Over grooming or licking a particular area**

*can be a sign of referred pain*

**If you notice any of these signs,  
please contact your veterinarian.**

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