What's your dog trying to tell you?

A guide to help you assess your dog for the viability of clinical canine massage therapy

If you have noticed, or have concerns about, your dog's mobility and /or behaviour, you can easily classify your observations with the 5 Principles of Pain, a useful aid for identifying symptoms of musculoskeletal conditions that could be helped by clinical canine massage.

The signs of muscular pain listed can be mistaken by some owners as simply signs of ageing or 'just something they do'. The reality is, however, that muscular pain can be caused by anything from normal activities of daily living to chronic, arthritic conditions.

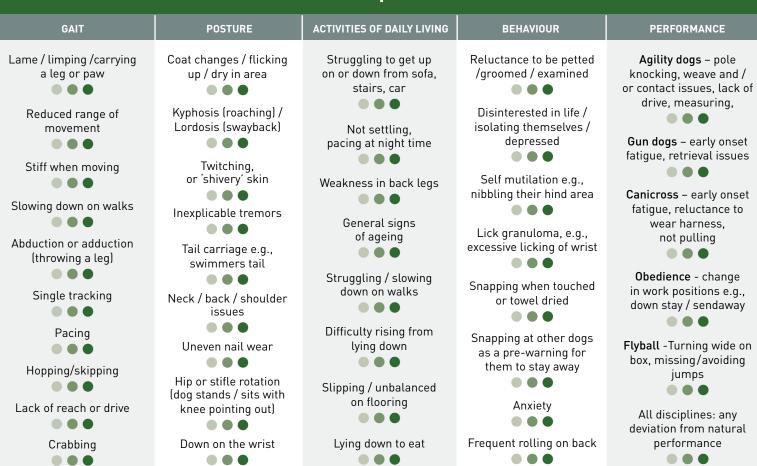
What's next?

Just tick the severity of each of the conditions that apply to your dog and turn over.

- Sometimes
- Often
- Always



The 5 Principles of Pain



Has your dog been diagnosed with any orthopaedic issues?

Diseased joints rely on the extra muscular support which, in itself, is likely to mean increased secondary pain. For truly effective management of chronic pain, all areas of associated muscular dysfunction must be addressed.

Please tick the relevant boxes...

- □ Osteoarthritis
- ☐ Cruciate ligament
- □ Spondylosis
- \square OCD
- □ Other
- ☐ Hip dysplasia
 - □ Elbow dysplasia
 - Luxating patella
 - ☐ Previous break / fracture
- ☐ My dog is pre-surgery ☐ My dog is post-surgery

