

Signs of Dog Dementia

THE DISHAA CHECKLIST

Canine cognitive dysfunction (CCD): what each sign looks like at home. See more than one? Talk to your vet.

D

Disorientation

Gets stuck in corners, stares at walls, goes to the hinge side of the door, seems lost in familiar rooms.

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Interaction changes

Less interest in greeting or play, new clinginess, or out-of-character irritability.

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Sleep-wake changes

Sleeps all day, then paces, pants, and vocalizes at night, the evening pattern called sundowning.

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House-soiling

Indoor accidents from a house-trained dog, with no medical cause found.

A

Activity changes

Less interest in walks, toys, and food, or repetitive pacing and circling that goes nowhere.

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Anxiety

New separation distress, fear of sounds or places that never mattered, a general unsettledness.