



HOW NATURALPET.HEALTH CAN HELP YOUR DOG'S PAINFUL JOINTS

TESTS THAT YOUR VET SHOULD DO FOR AN ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS

- A comprehensive orthopedic examination of your dog's bones and joints
- Radiographs to evaluate the location and cause of pain
- If a knee injury is suspected, sedation to evaluate for a "drawer sign" in a relaxed dog.
- If cancer is suspected, bone biopsies or fluid analysis from inflamed joints

HOLISTIC CARE OF THE PAINFUL DOG

- Undenatured Type II Collagen** (Tricox or UC-II), is the VERY BEST natural supplement for your dog's joint pain.
- Curcumin** 50 mg per lb body weight per day to reduce inflammation and its deadly results
- Fish oil** to provide 50 mg of omega 3 fatty acids per lb body weight per day.
- CBD Oil** to reduce inflammation... naturally
- Glucosamine/chondroitin** supplements such as Dasuquin may help
- Warm packs of the affected joint before exercise, and ice packs on the joint afterwards.
- Massage to soothe tired muscles... and spoil your pet!!

DRUGS TO REDUCE PAIN

- NSAID pain relievers— Rimadyl, Deramaxx, etc— are the most potent painkillers
- Galliprant is a new NSAID which has no side effects, but is more expensive
- Gabapentin as adjunctive pain relief without side effects except sometimes sedation
- Tramadol may help for minor pain, but many think it is ineffective in dogs.

ADJUNCTIVE MEDICAL CARE OF THE PAINFUL DOG

- Adequan injections to lubricate your dog's arthritic joints— can be given at home
- Laser therapy by your vet— it really does work.
- PRP injections: use healing nutrients from your pet's own blood to soothe pain
- Steroid joint injections to reduce inflammation in severely painful pets
- Stem Cell therapy: When all else fails, stem cells can work
- Acupuncture

LIFESTYLE

- WEIGHT LOSS— every ounce increases pain in a pet's joints. Today: ____# ; Goal ____#
- Long, slow walks on flat ground are perfect!!
- You **must** minimize stairs, jumping (cars, furniture) and twisting play
- While WET sand is fine, walking over dry sand is very painful for arthritic dogs
- Swimming and wading are great forms of exercise

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