

MCLEOD



VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Hours:

Monday – Thursday:
8:00 am – 9:00 pm

Friday:
8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday:
8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Just a friendly reminder
that we will be **closed**
on the following days:
November 11, 2020
December 25-26, 2020
January 1, 2021



Fall 2020

Helping the Arthritic Patient

Both dogs and cats are susceptible to arthritis. Doctors also refer to this condition as osteoarthritis or degenerative joint disease. Arthritis is non-reversible and continues to get worse with time. Here are a few things you should know to help your animal companion.

Symptoms between dogs and cats may vary. Dogs will often exhibit lameness and stiffness. It may happen occasionally, get worse over time or be a constant issue. With cats a common concern from owners is that they are less active, hiding more, decreased grooming, or have trouble getting into the litterbox. On examination a veterinarian may elicit a pain response from the patient, identify swelling of a particular joint or decreased range of motion.

After a veterinarian examines your pet, x-rays of the joints affected can be taken. The radiographs allow the doctor to visualize changes to the bones in the affected area. A CT scan may be recommended to obtain better detail.

Since arthritis is a disease process that cannot be reversed, treatment is aimed at making our furry friends as comfortable as possible. Maintaining a healthy weight is important for arthritic patients. If a pet is overweight there is more stress on the joints and muscles.

There are many types of oral supplements and medications that can support the joints of your animal companion. Joint supplements such as glucosamine and chondroitin may help protect the joint cartilage. Omega-3 fatty acids are used to reduce inflammation. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication will reduce inflammation and provide pain relief. If pets have many joints affected by arthritis then additional pain medication can be prescribed by your veterinarian.

Alternative therapies such as acupuncture, physical therapy, rehabilitation and laser therapy can benefit your pet. Have a discussion with your veterinarian about which combination of supportive care is most appropriate for your furry friend.



Metabolic and Metabolic + Mobility

Hill's Pet Nutrition has done extensive research into pet obesity. They've researched the differences in the DNA of a lean pet from an overweight pet, and how they metabolize food differently. The metabolic diet is formulated to naturally improve the metabolism of an overweight pet; this leads to successful weight loss. A synergistic blend of ingredients promotes healthy digestion and keeps your furry friend satisfied between meals.

Hill's Metabolic is also available as Metabolic + Mobility. This diet combines the benefit of altering their metabolism, with high levels of omega-3 fatty acids to support their joints.

A discussion with a veterinarian or our nutritional advocate; Rhianne, can help you decide if this diet is appropriate for your canine companion.

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Dr. Emily Martens
Dr. April Crump

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Laser Therapy

McLeod Veterinary Hospital is pleased to announce that we will now be offering laser therapy to our patients!

Laser therapy is a non-invasive treatment to reduce pain and inflammation, increase circulation, and increase healing. A laser beam is passed across the affected area, producing a small amount of heat while being absorbed by the tissues and cells. Laser therapy causes no discomfort to pets during treatment and is indicated for a variety of conditions including (but not limited to);

- Arthritis
- Wound Healing
- Skin Conditions
- Post-surgery
- Soft Tissue Trauma

Some conditions require multiple and/or routine treatments to achieve the desired goal, although many may experience relief of symptoms immediately or within the first 24 hours following treatment.

For more information about laser therapy and its benefits for your pet, contact our hospital at 204-661-3334.



Vestibular Disease

Older dogs can suffer from idiopathic vestibular disease, commonly referred to as old dog vestibular disease. The cause of this condition is often unknown.

Onset of vestibular signs can occur quickly and is often described by owners as stroke-like. The symptoms of vestibular disease are lack of coordination, nausea (due to motion sickness) and nystagmus (continual back and forth motion of the eyes).

Symptoms of vestibular disease may resolve on their own anywhere from a few days to weeks. Supportive care such as sub-Q or IV fluid therapy and anti-nausea medications may be required.

Pets with inner ear infections or ruptured ear drums can exhibit similar symptoms and may warrant an exam with your veterinarian.