Canine Cognitive Dysfunction Rating Scale

Cognitive dysfunction is defined as a decline in behavioral condition with advanced age, without any underlying medical or physical causes. Take this survey to determine if your dog has cognitive dysfunction.

Assign a score from 1 to 5 for the following seven questions.

- 1 = never
- 2 = once a month or some of the time
- 3 = once a week or half of the time
- 4 = once a day or most of the time
- 5 = more than once a day or always

How often does your dog:

_____ Pace up and down, walk in circles, or wander with no direction or purpose?

_____ Stare blankly at the walls or floor?

_____ Get stuck behind objects and is unable to turn around?

_____ Fails to recognize familiar people or pets?

_____ Walk into walls or doors?

_____ Walk away while being petted or avoid being petted?

_____ Have difficulty finding food dropped on the floor?

Assign a score from 1 to 5 for the following five questions.

- 1 = much less
- 2 = slightly less
- 3 = the same
- 4 = slightly more
- 5 = much more

Compared with 6 months ago, does your dog:

_____ Now pace up and down, walk in circles, or wander with no direction or purpose?

_____ Now stare blankly at the walls or floor?

_____ Now urinate or defecate in an area previously kept clean?

_____ Have trouble finding food dropped on the floor? (multiply by 2)

_____ Fail to recognize familiar people or pets? (multiply by 3)

Assign a score from 1 to 5 for the following question.

- 1 = much more
- 2 = slightly more
- 3 = the same
- 4 = slightly less
- 5 = much less

_____ **Compared with 6 months ago, how much time does your dog spend being active?**

_____ **Total Score**

0-39 = Normal
40-49 = At Risk
50+ = Cognitive Dysfunction