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## Signs of Chronic Pain Due to Dental Disease



- Their breath smells
- They are slower to eat or drop pieces
- They don't chew on bones or pick up toys as much or when they do, you often find blood
- You've found a dog tooth on the carpet (this does not apply to puppies)
- They walk up to their food and stare at it for a second before eating
- They prefer soft food
- You pull back their lip and see lots of red inflamed gums or brown coated teeth

## Signs of Chronic Pain Associated With Illness (\*often are subtle but can be severe)



- Lethargy or not wanting to get up as much
- Decreased appetite or finicky appetite
- Depressed or Withdrawn
- Restlessness or excessive panting, tremors or being more 'clingy'
- Irritability or atypical behavior like snapping
- Hiding and Sleeping in odd places
- Drooling or other signs of nausea



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## Signs of Chronic Pain Due to Joint or Back Pain (\*often are subtle but can be severe)



- Limping on and off or persistently
- Hesitates before stairs or before jumping on furniture
- Less fluid movement in walk/run than when younger
- Some difficulty getting onto couch or car
- Not following you around as much
- Slowing down on walks
- Changes in Posture (standing in hunched way or like they're uncomfortable)
- 'Warms up' as day goes on
- Some difficulty getting from lying down to standing
- Slipping and losing grip on floors
- Slows down or lags behind on walks
- Sits with back legs kicked out
- Excessively licking paws or other objects like bed

