

Aging Chart for Senior Dogs

Learn when your dog becomes a senior.



WHAT AFFECTS AGING IN DOGS?



There's a lot of debate as to WHEN a senior dog becomes a senior. At Senior Dog Revolution we recognize that dogs start having aging changes occurring underneath the surface a lot sooner than we think. Here is a quick summary of some of the latest suggestions from veterinary groups of experts and recent studies.

In July 2020, a University of California at San Diego study came out comparing the way the DNA of dogs and humans age and found that dogs tend to age a lot faster in their earlier years and then slow down. In the study, they found that based on DNA, a 1-year-old Labrador is equivalent to a 30-year-old human and a 7-year-old Labrador is equivalent to a 60-65-year-old human!

American Animal Hospital Association Guidelines in 2019 suggest that senior dogs are defined as dogs that are in the last 25% of their lifespan. We know that size of dogs plays a large role in how quickly they age. On the next page, see our suggestions as to when to categorize your dog as a senior dog.

YOUR DOG'S AGE

AGING IN OUR DOGS IS NOT AN EXACT SCIENCE. HERE'S WHEN WE START RECOGNIZING DOGS AS SENIOR DOGS.

1 GIANT/LARGE BREED DOGS

AGE 5-7 YEARS OF AGE



2 LARGE/MEDIUM BREED

AGE 6-8 YEARS OF AGE



3 SMALL BREED DOGS

AGE 7-10 YEARS OF AGE

