



DR. DOG SAYS, "IS YOUR PET CONSIDERED GERIATRIC? - SEE CHARTS BELOW."

(Ages in bold text are considered geriatric.)

CANINE				
(AGE IN "HUMAN" YEARS)				
pet's age	0-20 lbs.	20-50 lbs.	50-90 lbs.	> 90 lbs.
1	7	7	8	9
2	13	14	16	18
3	20	21	24	26
4	26	27	31	34
5	33	34	38	41
6	40	42	45	49
7	44	47	50	56
8	48	51	55	64
9	52	56	61	71
10	56	60	<b>66</b>	<b>78</b>
11	60	65	<b>72</b>	<b>86</b>
12	64	<b>69</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>93</b>
13	68	<b>74</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>101</b>
14	<b>72</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>108</b>
15	<b>76</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>115</b>
16	<b>80</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>123</b>
17	<b>84</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>131</b>
18	<b>88</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>139</b>
19	<b>92</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>115</b>	
20	<b>96</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>120</b>	
21	<b>100</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>126</b>	
22	<b>104</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>130</b>	
23	<b>108</b>	<b>117</b>		
24	<b>112</b>	<b>120</b>		
25	<b>116</b>	<b>124</b>		

Feline	
pet's age	(AGE IN "HUMAN" YEARS)
	<b>0-20 lbs.</b>
1	7
2	13
3	20
4	26
5	33
6	40
7	44
8	48
9	52
10	56
11	60
12	64
13	68
14	<b>72</b>
15	<b>76</b>
16	<b>80</b>
17	<b>84</b>
18	<b>88</b>
19	<b>92</b>
20	<b>96</b>
21	<b>100</b>
22	<b>104</b>
23	<b>108</b>
24	<b>112</b>
25	<b>116</b>

Charts courtesy of Fred L. Metzger, DVM, DABVP

## HOME REMEDIES

*Although professional veterinary care is always best for your pets, and you should contact our office if any of the following occur, here are some "home remedies" you can administer if professional care is not readily available.*

**DIARRHEA:** Imodium (Loperimide) can be used for both dogs and cats. Safe to use for puppies also. The maximum dose is one (1) 2 mg. capsule/tablet, so any dog over 20 lbs. will take 1 capsule/tablet up to every 8 hrs. A 15 lb. pet can be given 1.5 mg. every 8 hours. A 10 lb. pet can be given 1 mg. every 8 hours. Liquid Imodium can also be given (1 teaspoon = 1 mg.)

### **PAIN: (GIVE ASPIRIN ONLY!)**

**DOGS** - can have 10 mg per lb. or 1 adult aspirin per 35 lbs. every 12 hours - although do not give more than 2 aspirin per dose to dogs over 70lbs. (adult aspirin = 325mg)

(DO NOT give aspirin to dogs that are on Rimadyl; always let us know what meds your dog might be already taking before giving aspirin)

**CATS** - can have 1 baby aspirin (80 mg.) for an 8 - 10 lb. cat **every other day - more than this will poison your cat.**

**Tylenol is VERY TOXIC** to cats - **never** give them Tylenol. **Ibuprofen is also toxic** and will cause a gastric ulcer in a dog after just a few doses and will kill a cat.

**ALLERGIC REACTIONS:** BOTH DOGS AND CATS - can have Benedryl - dosage is 1 mg. per lb. (not to exceed 3 doses in 24 hours). The maximum dose is 25 mg. - so dogs over 25 lbs. should only get 25 mg. - *Can also use Benedryl to sedate dogs and cats for travel.*

**IRRITATED EYES:** BOTH DOGS AND CATS - can use artificial tears and/or saline for contact lenses. Use several drops in irritated eyes as needed.

**BROKEN TOE NAILS:** If your dog has a broken toe nail or you trim nail too far into the quick - you may use flour to stop any small amounts of bleeding.

**CLEANING EARS:** BOTH DOGS AND CATS - You may use 1 part white distilled vinegar mixed with 3 parts water. Dip a soft towel into the solution and wipe the inside of your pet's ears, or pour the solution into ear, massage, and let dog shake their head.

**TO INDUCE VOMITING:** If your pet ingests rat/mouse poison or other hazardous items (i.e. socks, panty hose, cellophane meat wrappers, etc.) you may use 2 Tablespoons hydrogen peroxide; try peroxide first and if that doesn't work you can use 1/4 cup of super saturated salty water. Your pet may vomit several times. Always call your veterinarian also.

**Always contact our office if your pet is in any dire situation. As stated above, it is always best to call the veterinarian if your pet is showing any signs of medical distress. 575-377-3165**