



## SUBCLINICAL SIGNS OF PAIN

Clinical Canine Massage helps to address - what may be considered as difficult to treat minor concerns of the owner, or mistaken for just a part of the ageing process. Although the most common concerns aren't life threatening, they undoubtedly impact on the dog's quality of life.

Client says their dog has aged overnight

Client reports the dog shows stiffness when rising which is walked off after a few steps. This is called 'warming up out of the stiffness' and is attributed to the reduced thixotropic response of the fascia - hence, shows even when no arthritis is presented

Disinterested in walks/ early onset fatigue

Unwilling to jump in/out of car or on/off sofa

Slowing down

Stiffness

Sporting performance issues e.g. agility dog is knocking poles/ missing weave entry etc.

Change in urination or defecation position

Change in eating position e.g. having to lie down to eat

Isolating themselves from family

Unable to settle/ pacing around/ can only sleep on side or front

Unable to lose weight due to reluctance or inability to exercise normally

No longer playing

Grumpy

Disinterested in life