



## A Health Checklist

Detecting potential health problems before they become serious can save your pet unnecessary suffering and save you great worry and expense. Once a month, see whether you can answer true to all of the statements in this list.

If a statement is *not* true, call your veterinarian's office immediately.

### **My Pet...**

Is acting normally and in good spirits.

Doesn't tire easily from moderate exercise.

Hasn't had a seizure or fainting episode.

Has a normal appetite and hasn't lost or gained much weight.

Doesn't vomit shortly after eating.

Produces what appear to be normal stools and urine.

Doesn't drag her bottom or chew under her tail excessively.

Has a full coat with no missing hair, mats, or excess shedding.

Doesn't scratch, lick, or chew herself excessively.

Has healthy skin with no dry flakes, greasy feel, or bad odor.

Doesn't have fleas, ticks, or mites.

Doesn't have any lumps or bumps on her body.

Has clean ears with no debris or odor, and doesn't shake her head or dig at her ears excessively.

Has bright clear eyes that are free of matter.

Seems to have normal hearing and reacts as usual to her environment.

Moves and walks easily, without stiffness or pain.

Has healthy feet and short nails.

Breathes normally without straining or coughing.

Has normal thirst and drinks as often and the same amount as usual.

Urinate as often and the same amount as usual.

Has a moist nose that's free of discharge.

Has clean white teeth that are free of plaque and tartar.

Has pink gums with no redness or offensive breath odor.



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