



May is Arthritis Month – For Our 4-Legged Friends Too

It seems that arthritis is an inevitable thing that we're all going to deal with at some point in our life. We think about our health, nutrition and activity level and ways to prevent the aches and pains associated with the disease, but what about our furry friends. Pets, dogs in particular, are also bound to develop these same symptoms. In fact, arthritis affects one in five adult dogs in the U.S. today and it's one of the most common sources of chronic pains that veterinarians treat. Consumers today are looking for more natural therapies that do not display the painful side effects of many prescriptions offered for arthritis.

According to a Minnesota-based trial, the use of Wapiti Labs Natural Mobility Formula significantly improved lameness scores in the areas of walking, trotting, running, climbing stairs and lameness after resting, no side effects were reported.

Factors Affecting Arthritis

Age – Most dogs will ultimately develop an onset of arthritis. Your dog has 65% chance of developing arthritis as it reaches 7 to 11 years of age. Some can develop symptoms at a very early age. That doesn't mean that we can't do our part to keep our pets from developing this chronic painful disease throughout all stages of life.

Breeding – We may not be able to control the ancestry of our pets, but we do need to know that it is an important factor in the development potential of the animal. Dogs whose parents developed arthritis are likely to inherit the same problems in life.

Nutrition – An imbalanced diet that is deficient of the proper nutrients needed to develop and maintain optimum health is the most important and leading cause of arthritis today. Feeding the correct amounts of protein, vitamins, minerals and other nutrients is very important. Maintaining your dog's ideal body weight, including proper nutrition and exercise, is the best way to prevent bone and muscle disorders.

Activity – Just like us humans, proper nutrition needs to be paired with certain levels of activity for optimum performance and health. It can be easy to maintain activity levels; this can simply mean going for a relaxing walk, playing fetch, or just running in the backyard.

Disease/Injury – Whether it's from an accident or a disease that has developed over time, all injuries and abnormalities should be reported directly to your veterinarian. Ignoring the problem will only lead to more serious issues or improper healing which may encourage the early onset of arthritis.

Signs and Symptoms

If you notice early symptoms of arthritis, schedule a visit with your veterinarian soon. They may be very subtle or very obvious signs, for example, hesitation when climbing stairs or before jumping on the couch, lagging behind on a walk or even a personality change when being touched.

Treatment

Though there is no absolute way to cure arthritis, prevention and proper treatment are necessary to ensure your pet is as comfortable as possible. Your veterinarian may recommend medications, exercises and possibly over the counter or even natural therapies to properly manage the symptoms. More and more veterinarians are encouraging the use of natural products that will encourage joint health without the side effects of many pharmaceutical prescriptions. While many treatments are available, it's important to be a well-educated pet owner and research the options that will be best for both you and your pet.

Natural Mobility Formula

Wapiti Labs formulated a proprietary, natural nutritional supplement that has been clinically proven to aid dogs with such joint issues, including arthritis. In a recent trial, significant improvement was noted in walking, running, climbing stairs, and hesitation before movement. Mobility Formula is created using time-tested elk velvet antler in a balanced formula of Chinese herbs to reduce pain and inflammation and increase energy and movement naturally.

About Wapiti Labs –

Wapiti Labs is a privately held corporation which distributes premium proprietary products derived from Minnesota elk velvet antler and herbs. Natural human and pet products encourage optimum health by reducing joint pain and inflammation and increasing energy and movement. For more information on this Wapiti Labs clinical trial or for Wapiti Labs product information, visit www.wapitilabsinc.com or call 763-746-0980.