# Osteoarthritis?

# For the best results it always pays off to follow the leader.

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#### When's the best time to start the treatment?

Ideally as soon as the osteoarthritis is diagnosed. Signs such as lameness in one leg or an unwillingness to exercise are obvious. However, as arthritis is a slowly developing degenerative disease, the gradual decline in movement often goes unnoticed by owners. And age isn't a barrier. Any dog of any age can suffer from osteoarthritis.

# 2.

#### When is the best time to repeat?

All dogs treated with CARTROPHEN VET will require a minimum of 1 FULL COURSE\* PER YEAR. An arthritis check-up no longer than 6 months after the arthritis has been diagnosed is essential in order to determine the best time to repeat. Treatment is based on the individual patient and the objective is to prevent signs from recurring.

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### How about clinical response times?

Veterinary experience shows that clinical response generally lasts between 3 - 12 months and each patient should be assessed on an individual basis.





# 4.

# Is there a specific course for different stages of the disease?

Yes, and please remember any dog of any age can suffer from osteoarthritis.

#### Mild Signs

1 COURSE\* every 12 months plus a 6 month arthritis check-up.

#### Moderate Signs

2 COURSES\* every 12 months plus a 3 month arthritis check-up.

#### Chronic/Severe Signs

- 3 COURSES\* every 12 months plus a 2 month arthritis check-up.
- \* COURSE = 4 x weekly treatments of 3mg/kg CARTROPHEN VET

# 5.

## Will more frequent courses ever be necessary?

Inciting causes such as ruptured cruciate ligaments, elbow/hip dysplasia, OCD, deformity, obesity etc. may shorten the period of relief resulting in a need for more frequent courses.

Animals treated with CARTROPHEN VET following joint and cruciate ligament surgery may also need repeated treatment.