



# Your **PET'S CARE**

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## **ARTHRITIS IN CATS**

Just like humans, cats can get arthritis too. It is not easy to diagnose, and it doesn't show up on X-rays, so as a pet parent, you need to be able to notice some of the signs of arthritis. Your cat might show a reluctance or inability to jump, may stop grooming as much, experience a personality change, sleep more, hide, or appear stiff. Although arthritis shows up more often in older cats, younger cats can suffer from it as well. In cats, arthritis is usually caused by trauma, an infection, or an immune system problem. Arthritis can affect any of a cat's joints.

Your veterinarian can assist you with easing or treating the problem. Currently there is no cure for arthritis but weight loss or monitoring, an "arthritis" diet, joint supplements and controlled exercise may help.

For sick pets or routine care, schedule an appointment at **Blue Ridge Pet Clinic**, where our goal is to provide the best medical care for your dog or cat. We offer pet owners the support and information they need to provide lifelong care for their animals. To schedule an appointment, please call **928-367-5950**.

**We are located at 712 W. Mountain Blvd., Lakeside**