



WESTSIDE ANIMAL CLINIC

RECOGNIZING PAIN

Clients often say their pet didn't cry so they didn't think (s)he was painful. This is an inconsistent sign of pain so we thought we should provide you with a list of signs to look for:

- Decreased Social Interaction (not spending time with the family)
- Reluctance to move (hides away from usual haunts)
- Guarding/Flinching
- Growling/Hissing (if a cat or a snake)
- Aggression/Biting or scratching
- Loss of Appetite
- Restlessness. Unable to find a comfortable position
- Whimpering
- Howling
- Self Mutilation
- Staring at affected area of the body
- Lameness if a leg