

Making your senior pets more comfortable

Raised bowls: This can help make both dogs and cats more comfortable eating and drinking.



Ramps and steps: These can help both dogs and cats get up onto beds or sleeping spots. As dogs age, they can also benefit from a ramp or steps to get into or out of the car or pool.



Non-slip carpets/runners or non-slip booties: Dogs, especially large breeds, often begin to struggle to get up and walk on smooth surfaces.



Extra soft beds or orthopaedic beds:



Sometimes dogs will start struggling to stay stable in the car - **dog hammocks** cover your back seats and prevent the dogs from falling off.



Other thoughts:

- Cat litter boxes - use trays that have low entrances and high sides.
- Night lights - older animals may not see as well.
- Lower and more resting spots for cats.
- More food and water points so they do not have to go as far to eat or drink.
- Nets over pools.
- Places/opportunities for older pets to take a break from young pets or children.
- Extra blankets or heating pads - older pets feel the cold more