

# An important message for all owners of dogs aged 7 and over.

## Would you recognise the early signs of heart failure in your dog?

No matter how well you know your pet, it's possible to overlook the early signs of congestive heart failure.

For example, your dog may lose his appetite or appear tired – causing you to think that he's just 'a bit under the weather'.

Heart failure occurs mostly in dogs aged 7 and over, so you might think the signs are just part of growing old.

While the signs of heart failure may not necessarily seem serious, the disease is often life-threatening.

About **1 in 10 dogs** seen by vets is suffering from heart disease<sup>1</sup>, so if your dog is aged 7 or over and showing one or more of these symptoms, with no sign of getting better, please make an appointment to see us, without delay.

We have considerable experience in diagnosis and treatment and know that when effective treatment is started early, a dog with heart failure can expect to enjoy many healthy, quality years of life.

And that's the sort of outcome we all want.

**For more information go to:**

**[www.healthyheartfordogs.com.au](http://www.healthyheartfordogs.com.au)**

**[www.healthyheartfordogs.co.nz](http://www.healthyheartfordogs.co.nz)**

## What to watch out for.

Common signs and symptoms of congestive heart failure in dogs aged 7 and over:



Reluctance to exercise, tiring more easily



Coughing, especially at night



Fainting – often associated with exercise



Laboured or fast breathing



Poor appetite



Weight loss



Enlarged abdomen



Weakness



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