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## NC State Offers Seminar on Caring for Older Pets

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The College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) at North Carolina State University will offer a public seminar on Saturday, Sept. 17, on how to care for older dogs and cats to ensure their continued health and wellness.

The seminar, which includes six sessions presented by CVM faculty, begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. A \$30 seminar fee includes a take-home proceedings manual covering the sessions, a continental breakfast, and a box lunch. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions of faculty experts.

Each seminar session concerns dogs and cats and will cover the physiology of aging/anesthesia risks, behaviors, eye disorders, neurological diseases, metabolic issues, and end-of-life decisions.

Dogs and cats are considered to be senior citizens at age 7 when they may begin to develop special health care needs. As pets age, they become less active, agile and alert. Their sight and hearing may diminish and they are at greater risk for kidney, heart and dental disease. Aging pets should see a veterinarian regularly, particularly if there is a noticeable change in diet, sleeping habits, elimination or activity level.

For additional information or to register for the seminar, contact Samantha Hartford at 919/513-6421 or e-mail [samantha\\_hartford@ncsu.edu](mailto:samantha_hartford@ncsu.edu). Information is also available on the Web at [www.cvm.ncsu.edu/conted/olderpet/index.htm](http://www.cvm.ncsu.edu/conted/olderpet/index.htm).

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