Behavior screen for older dogs and cats

Please complete this form to give our team important information about your pet.

1. Locomotory/ambulatory assessment (check one)
   a. No alterations or debilities noted
   b. Modest slowness associated with change from youth to adult
   c. Moderate slowness associated with geriatric aging
   d. Moderate slowness associated with geriatric aging plus alterations or debilities in gait
   e. Moderate slowness associated with geriatric aging plus some loss of function (e.g., cannot climb stairs)
   f. Severe slowness associated with extreme loss of function, particularly on slick surfaces (may need to be carried)
   g. Severe slowness, extreme loss of function, and decreased willingness or interest in moving (spends most of time in bed)
   h. Paralyzed or refuses to move

2. Appetite assessment (check all that apply)
   a. No alterations in appetite
   b. Change in ability to physically handle food
   c. Change in ability to retain food (vomits or regurgitates)
   d. Change in ability to find food
   e. Change in interest in food (may be olfactory)
   f. Change in rate of eating
   g. Change in completion of eating
   h. Change in timing of eating
   i. Change in preferred textures

3. Assessment of elimination function (check one in each category)
   a. Changes in frequency and “accidents”
      No change in frequency, no “accidents”
      Increased frequency, no “accidents”
      Decreased frequency, no “accidents”
      Increased frequency with “accidents”
      Decreased frequency with “accidents”
      No change in frequency, but “accidents”
   b. Bowel control
      Defecates when asleep
      Defecates without apparent awareness
      Defecates when awake and aware of action, but in inappropriate or undesirable location
      No changes in bowel control

4. Visual acuity: How well do you think the dog or cat sees? (check one)
   a. No change in visual acuity detected by behavior, appears to see as well as ever
   b. Some change in acuity not dependent on ambient light conditions
   c. Some change in acuity dependent on ambient light conditions
   d. Extreme change in acuity not dependent on ambient light conditions
   e. Extreme change in acuity dependent on ambient light conditions
   f. Blind

5. Auditory acuity: How well do you think the dog or cat hears? (check one)
   a. No apparent change in auditory acuity
   b. Some hearing loss
   c. Extreme hearing loss
   d. Deaf

6. Play interactions: If the dog or cat plays with toys, which situation best describes that play? (check one)
   a. No change in play with toys
   b. Slightly decreased interest in toys
   c. Slightly decreased ability to play with toys
   d. Slightly decreased interest and ability to play with toys
   e. Extreme decreased interest in toys
   f. Extreme decreased ability to play with toys
   g. Extreme decreased interest and ability to play with toys

7. Interactions with people: Which situation best describes that interaction? (check one)
   a. No change in interaction with people
   b. Recognizes people but slightly decreased frequency of interaction
   c. Recognizes people but greatly decreased frequency of interaction
   d. Withdrawal but recognizes people
   e. Does not recognize people

8. Interactions with other pets: Which situation best describes that interaction? (check one)
   a. No change in interaction with other pets
   b. Recognizes other pets but slightly decreased frequency of interaction
   c. Recognizes other pets but greatly decreased frequency of interaction
   d. Withdrawal but recognizes other pets
   e. Does not recognize other pets
   f. No other pets or animal companions in house or social environment

9. Changes in sleep-wake cycle (check one)
   a. No changes in sleep patterns
   b. Sleeps more during the day
   c. Some change, awakens at night and sleeps more during the day
   d. Much change, profoundly erratic nocturnal pattern and irregular daytime pattern
   e. Sleeps virtually all day, awake occasionally at night
   f. Sleeps almost around the clock