

What owners give their Bassetts for achy joints (no mention if the owners do likewise)

I give mine a teaspoon of golden paste in every meal. (turmeric, coconut oil and black pepper). I don't know how effective it is but it's supposed to be very good. We got sent some samples of yumove for our elderly rescues, I think that's one of the best commercial supplements around.

Sam

My Basset, Maisie, is now 9 and had elbow dysplasia at a year old so we knew she would get arthritis.

I've used Yumove, Logic Flexivet and Glycoflex to stave it off; also various oils - salmon, evening primrose, cod liver etc. but flax oil is my favourite as she has over 17 skin allergies! There is very little scientific evidence for any supplements but they can do no harm except to your bank balance. The only supplement which claims to have evidence is Yumove.

I've been advised that NSAIDs such as Rimadyl can become less effective with time and a switch to another NSAID may be better - discuss this with your vet. Additionally, if Morse is having side effects such as lethargy this should be investigated (as it is uncommon) and again a different NSAID may have better results. Plus, he should be on NSAIDs daily for it to be effective due to pain windup. Using intermittently for flare ups is OK earlier in the disease when he has overdone it but it sounds like he is suffering from osteo-arthritis daily now. Other medications can be tried (e.g. Tramadol) but this could make him sleepy too.

You should include weight management and could try hydrotherapy (low impact exercise is very helpful for weight management and maintaining muscle mass), acupuncture, laser therapy, physiotherapy (with a qualified veterinary physiotherapist) and cartrophen injections etc. Maisie had 3 successful courses of hydrotherapy post-op and I'm a recent convert to acupuncture myself following a couple of car accidents.

Tracy

I've been giving my basset Dudley the Dorwest Herbs glucosamine and chondroitin for many years, plus a glug of cod liver oil liquid before bed. I've just changed to the Vet UK Joint Supplement rather than the Dorwest herb due to cost.

My basset is now 10.5 years.....his joints are in great condition, it's the rest of him that's falling apart so it must have done some good!

My friends basset (nearly 10yrs) has just been diagnosed with arthritis and has been prescribed the yumove supplement. Prior to this when she had hip dysplasia as a puppy she was prescribed Synoquin which seemed to help.

I also find that Dudley likes to sleep on the firm memory foam bed.
Hope this helps!

Kelly

We use Metacam and have done for about three years for Henry. It's expensive but he's been a different dog since he's been on it. A number of people I know use it for their dogs/cats etc and swear by it. We certainly do and would recommend it.

Hope that helps.

Dawn

My Florence used to be stiff in her back legs so we gave glucosamine daily. On from that for a real boost we would give some metacam from the vets. We did see a significant improvement on that.

Regards,

Jules

Our Basset Burt – who will be 11 in December – has a daily glucosamine and chondroitin tablet, which we purchase from Tesco's as I also take them. In addition the vet advised he should have an Omega 3 Fish Oil capsule, which we also purchase from Tesco's. Although recently his walks have become shorter, and he needs to take a long stretch every time he gets up off his bed, he is basically quite active for his age. Since we have had him from age 2 has been fed on James Wellbeloved food, and has been on the Senior Large Dog for the past 3 years. Burt is the 5th rescue basset we have had, and bar one, all have lived into old age.

I hope this is helpful to Becky, and would be happy to speak to her direct if she would like any more information.

Best wishes

Roy

Suggestions for Achy Bassets

Green Lipped Mussel capsules: These have proved to be brilliant (both for humans and BASSETS!) We give Blackberry (10+ yrs) 2 a day with food - actually put the capsule inside his mouth before feeding. This has made quite a difference - he has actually started playing again! £14.25 from Amazon for a double pack of 100 capsules in each bottle.

VetVits Flexi-Joints 2 tablets twice a day in his food and VetVits MultiVitality Senior 2 tablets twice a day in his food.

Yumove (which you mention) 3 tablets put into his mouth at Lunch time.

DorWest Vetinary: Garlic & Fenugreek tablets (herbal medicine) 3 tablets in his food once a day. Mixed Vegetable Tablets, Cod Liver Oil capsules (3 capsules daily, 1 with lunch, 2 with supper)

The above have all made good results for our Basset Hound. I see that they also do Glucosamine & Chondroitin tablets, so I think I will order those as that is a very good

combination.

We are especially delighted with the Green Lipped Mussel capsules which Blackberry has only been taking for maybe 2 weeks and he has responded very well to this.

Please let me know of any other suggestions you receive! and Becky if you want me to tell you about Blackberry's diet (which is very varied) let me know.

Very best wishes

Robert, Rosemary and Blackberry

I would recommend Yumove, Herbie is almost 11 and he has benefited from this supplement.

Fish oils/omega 3 is also beneficial as it has an anti-inflammatory effect.

Canine Bowen therapy is fantastic for dogs with increasing stiffness and pain in their joints.

All the best

Sue