

Old age in animals occurs gradually. Unfortunately, cases of the development of senile dementia are not uncommon for pets. Veterinarians note that up to 50% of cats over 15 years old have at least one symptom associated with cognitive disorders.

In cats, dementia usually begins almost imperceptibly. Here are what signs you need to pay attention to if you have an elderly animal.

**Disorientation in space.** The cat can stop in the middle of the room and look absently at one point. Sometimes the pet does not recognize the place where he used to sleep, forgets where he has a bowl or tray. Some animals wander at night, bumping into objects, or sit for a long time against the wall, as if they were lost.

**Changes in sleep and level of activity.** Old cats with dementia can meow loudly and piercingly, wakefully at night, and in the afternoon sleep a lot and be sluggish.

**Toilet problems.** The cat can walk past the tray, to unusual places, avoid the toilet or hide. At the same time, it is important to understand whether the animal is experiencing pain and does not suffer from cystitis.



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**Lack of interest in communication.** The cat can become shy or very aggressive, her personality can completely change.

**Strange or repeated behavior.** Dementia is often accompanied by such actions. The cat can start walking in a circle, repeat the same action, sit in one place for hours.

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