

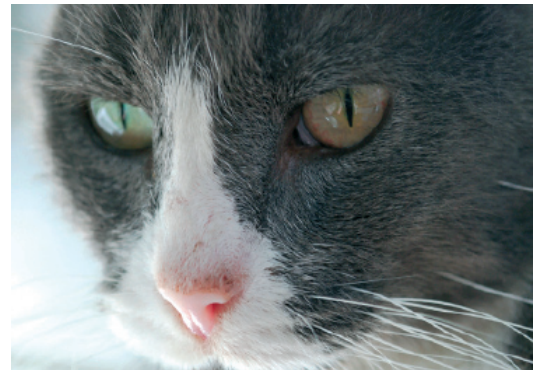
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Imagine a pet that loves sharing quiet moments with you ... one that doesn't chew or scratch everything in sight ... one that's calm and more focused when you're trying to impart your wisdom. One who will sit quietly and listen to you with endearing and wisdom-like eyes.

It's a senior pet...

At animal rescue centres and organizations in Dubai, there are loving, healthy senior cats and dogs looking for that one special home that will cherish them for the time they have left, their retirement years. And they don't ask for much: just a warm place to sleep, good meals, and plenty of love.



Puppies and kittens are cute. There's no denying that. Who can resist a playful, wriggling ball of fluff? They do come with toilet training habits that are usually in their infancy, possible chewing problems for bored puppies, and kittens trying their nails out on your latest bit of furniture, if you have the patience for all that then adopt a young pet by all means.

Yet in the same room, there are other needy pets who are no less deserving of a happy home. It is heartbreaking to see the numbers of older pets looking hopefully through the wire of their cattery, kennel or cage, just waiting for a family to welcome them into their home. It could be that a senior pet may have a few health problems that perhaps a younger animal may not. But giving a senior pet a good home is so rewarding that a few extra vet visits won't bother you and as long as you keep up regular vet visits to ensure you are on top of things, it shouldn't be a problem.

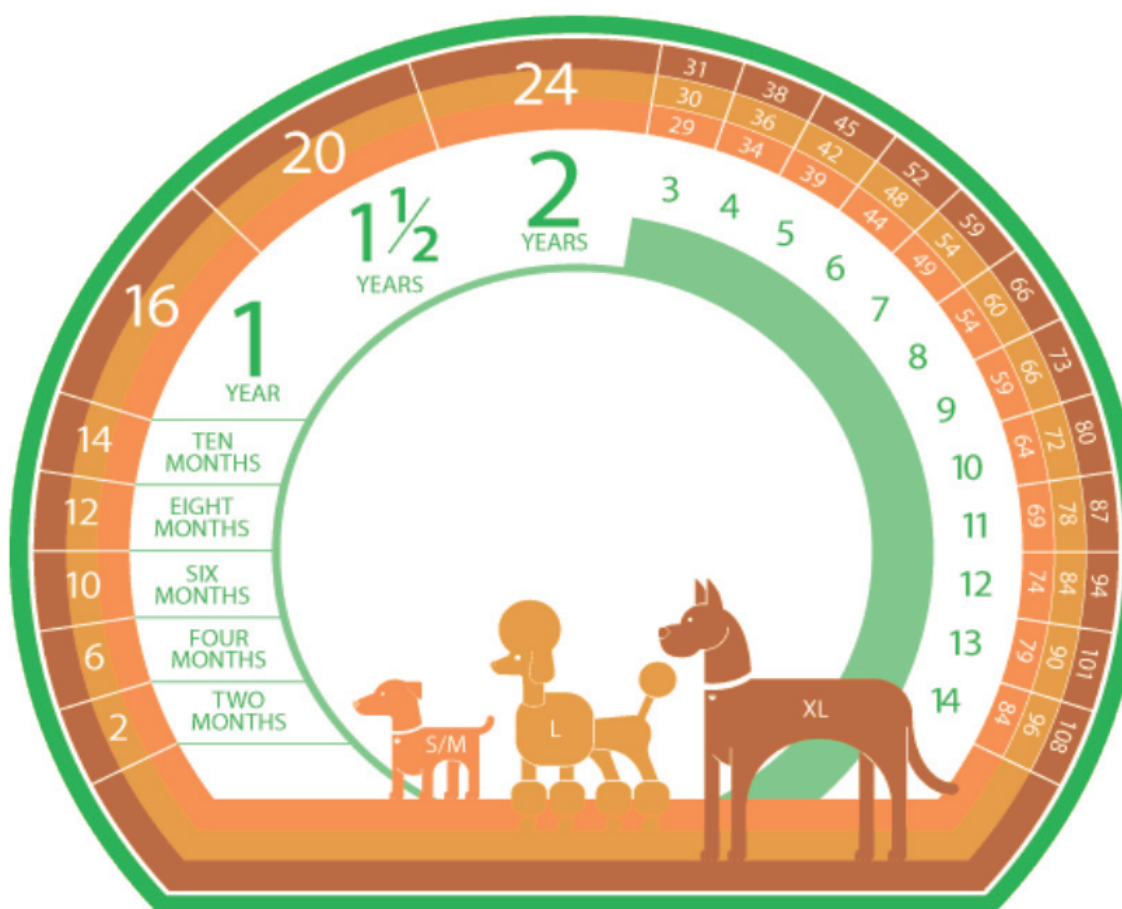


Senior pets still have plenty to offer - not the least of which is **love**. Make no mistake, senior pets can and do bond very strongly with their people! Many seem to understand that they've been given another chance at a happy life ... and they're grateful for the opportunity to love someone and be loved back.

So if you're considering a new pet, why not give some thought to giving a deserving senior a second chance? Instead of passing by older pets, stop and spend some time with them - you may end up finding the most wonderful companion you could have ever asked for!

How old is your pet in "Human" years? Smaller breeds tend to live longer (14-17 years) than the larger breeds (8-10 years). By knowing the relative age of your pet in human years, it can help you understand your dog's behaviour, it's special needs, and the different nutritional requirements as it gets older. Pets live longer today due to better veterinary healthcare and nutrition.

Below is an easy to follow chart on how old (in relative terms) your dog is compared to human years, interesting and not to be taken too seriously, the human years are in green.



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