Start with accurate, limited records

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Use one animal and one dated event per entry. Unknown is not zero or normal. Preserve original documents and keep questions apart from confirmed instructions.

The browser workbench can organize the same fields and export local files. Nothing is sent to a clinic. Use the clinic’s accepted route and confirm receipt.

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1 / Animal and source identity

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Do not infer an exact birth date or identify the animal from appearance alone. A name can be ambiguous; preserve the source.

Pet label (avoid owner identifiers)

Species and source

Age if known / source / uncertainty

Original document or observer

Date supplied / unknowns

What is unclear or conflicting

2 / One observation, not a diagnosis

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A missing measurement is not zero. Do not force handling, activity, feeding or a measurement to fill the page.

Pet label

Date and observer

What was actually seen

How it was recorded

What was NOT observed

Question for the veterinarian

3 / Shared resources

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A shared bowl refill or household total is not an individual intake. This page does not create a food or water target.

Animals with access

Resource / place

Dated household observation

Individual observation, if any

What cannot be assigned to one animal

Question for the clinic

4 / Original document check

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An old or incomplete document is not a current instruction. Do not invent a dose, product or next-due date.

Pet identity on the document

Document author / source

Date actually printed

Exact wording that needs clarification

Missing year, unit, product or purpose

Where the original is kept

Question / clarification pending

5 / Compare without interpreting

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A timeline or side-by-side list is not a diagnosis or validated trend. Keep uncertainty with each entry.

Record A: source and date

Record A: observation / unknowns

Record B: source and date

Record B: observation / unknowns

Different observers, units or methods?

Question raised by the difference

6 / Questions for the clinic

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Use the clinic’s accepted route. A sent message, exported file or app response is not clinical receipt or review.

Pet label and concern

Known dated observations

Original records to provide

Unknown or conflicting facts

Question 1

Question 2

Accepted sharing route / still unknown

7 / Confirmed instruction provenance

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Original instruction location

Author who actually supplied it

Date supplied

Exact wording (preserve the original)

What is unclear / needs confirmation

Question to ask before interpreting

8 / Receipt and follow-through

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Do not mark “reviewed” because a send button worked. Keep receipt pending when not confirmed. Do not delay urgent care while waiting for a reply.

What was actually shared

Known route and date

Receipt status / evidence

Named reply source / date, if supplied

Unresolved questions

Location of original reply

9 / Source boundaries and copy checklist

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AAHA’s senior-care guidance supports gathering an accurate history and keeping current medication/product information clear. It also explains that examination and diagnostic tools contribute to clinical diagnosis and care. It does not validate these original worksheets or an app.

Primary sources: https://www.aaha.org/resources/2023-aaha-senior-care-guidelines-for-dogs-and-cats/evaluating-the-healthy-senior-pet/ and https://www.aaha.org/resources/2023-aaha-senior-care-guidelines-for-dogs-and-cats/evaluating-the-unhealthy-senior-pet/ . Checked November 11, 2026.

Before closing: do I have a copy I deliberately chose to keep? Is the exported or printed copy private? Are unknowns still explicit? Are clinical instructions separate from questions? Is receipt confirmed or honestly pending?

Toolkit: https://seniordognotes.com/senior-care-toolkit/ . Workbench: https://seniordognotes.com/senior-records-workbench/ . Reference desk: https://seniordognotes.com/senior-records-reference/ .

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