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If you have a senior dog, "Remember Me?" can help in crucial ways. You will learn about:

- The symptoms of canine cognitive dysfunction;
- Medications and other interventions that are showing promise in treating the condition;
- How to adapt your home and habits to keep your dog safe;
- The many products available to solve the problems of senior dogs;
- How to make things easier on yourself, physically and emotionally; and
- The complex question of euthanasia and how to make your own decision about it.

The 30 color photos will give you a firsthand view of the symptoms of CCD, helpful products, and home setup ideas for the best care of your dog.


"Remember Me?" also tells the poignant story of author Eileen Anderson's small terrier Cricket, who developed canine cognitive dysfunction. As Cricket's dementia worsened she paced, she circled, she stood in corners, she forgot what she was doing, and at times she lost and found her owner repeatedly. For the last weeks of her life she even forgot how to drink water. As Cricket's condition deteriorated and her needs became more extensive, Anderson learned about the disease and developed methods to care for her dog.

She shares these methods in Remember Me? and her calm, conversational tone is soothing to dog owners who are suffering—sometimes more than their dogs.

Remember Me? has been critically recognized, winning the 2016 Maxwell Award from the Dog Writers Association of America for a book on health, behavior, or general care.

"When her own dog is diagnosed with CCD, Anderson makes it her task to understand this dog counterpart to human Alzheimer's disease.... Those of us who adore and champion older dogs are in her debt for this stellar resource." —Jean Donaldson, author of "The Culture Clash," founder of the Academy for Dog Trainers

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Editorial Review

Review

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From the Author

When my rat terrier Cricket started acting oddly as she grew older, I thought it was just normal aging. It wasn't. It was canine cognitive dysfunction, or dog dementia, which is medical condition that goes far beyond the normal slowing down as dogs age.

I don't want anyone else to delay going to the vet about this for more than a year as I did, or to feel alone with the strange symptoms that can sometimes occur. My hope is that my book raises awareness of age-related canine dementia and helps dogs and owners everywhere. --Eileen Anderson

From the Back Cover

Is your older dog starting to get stuck in corners, stare at walls, or act a little distant? Is he pacing in circles, barking for no apparent reason, or forgetting his housetraining? These or other behavioral changes may indicate that he is developing canine cognitive dysfunction, a disease akin to Alzheimer's.

Author Eileen Anderson, who demystifies dog behavior at the plainspoken and practical blog *Eileen and Dogs*, learned about this surprisingly common condition firsthand a few years ago, when her beloved rat

terrier Cricket began acting frightened of a person she'd previously loved. As her dementia progressed, Cricket also began walking in circles, standing on the wrong side of doors, getting trapped under furniture, and losing and finding her owner repeatedly. In the last weeks of her life, she even forgot how to drink water. To help Cricket, Anderson put her methodical mind to work, and in this comprehensive and compassionate guide she shares everything she learned and more.

You'll learn about the symptoms of canine cognitive dysfunction and the medications typically used to treat it, as well as other interventions that have shown promise in peer-reviewed studies. You'll learn how to arrange your home and adjust your habits to keep your dog safe, including what specific products may be helpful. You'll learn how to keep yourself physically and emotionally healthy while caring for your dog. And there's deep, thoughtful advice here for when it's time to make the hardest decision of all about your dog's quality of life.

What people are saying about *Remember Me*

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