

Completion of this checklist of questions will prevent you from missing vital pieces of information which may help in narrowing the differential diagnosis list for seizures conditions.

An owner questionnaire containing the same questions can be downloaded or printed from the site for you to give to your clients. This can be completed before a consultation saving you time in collecting a detailed history and allowing you more time to spend examining the patient.

History Checklist for Seizuring Dog

HISTORY CHECKLIST FOR SEIZURING DOG

1. Any previous history of trauma/birthing problems?
2. Any history of travel overseas?
3. Age at first seizure.
4. When do seizures usually occur (eg with excitement/sleep/after exercise/after eating)?
5. How many seizures has dog had?
6. Interval between seizures?
7. How is dog's health & behaviour between seizures?
8. How long do seizures last?
9. Does dog have any behavioural changes before seizure starts?
10. Is dog unconscious during event?
11. Detailed description of the seizure (especially with regard to any asymmetry)
12. What does dog do after seizure? (abnormalities noted by owner)
13. How long does it take dog to recover after seizure?
14. Is dog currently receiving any medications?

Questions about Anti-Epileptic Drug use:

1. **About the medication**
When did dog start on anti-epileptic treatment?
Frequency of seizures before and after drug initiation
Side effects noted
Serum drug levels
2. **Is dog's appetite normal?**
3. **Is dog drinking normally?**
4. **Any weight loss/gain?**
5. **Any other health problems (including changes to behaviour and personality)?**