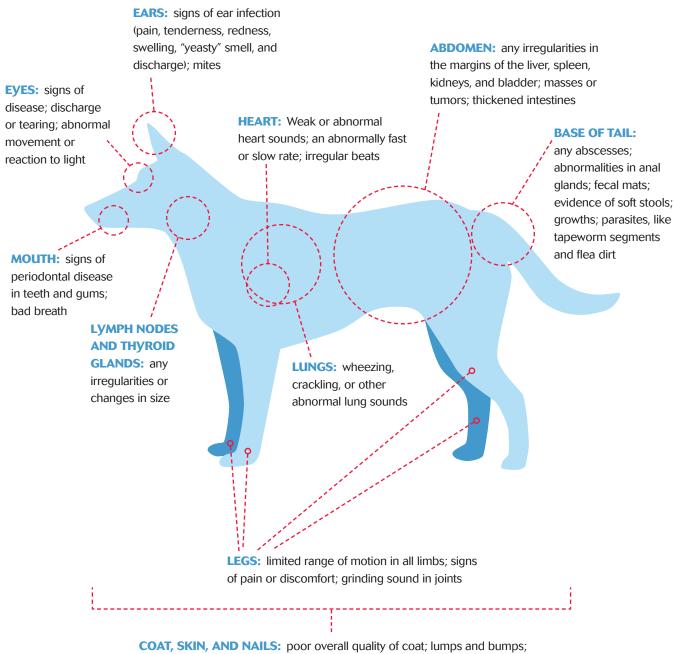
Your dog's physical exam

Just what is the veterinarian looking for when they stare and gently push, pull, and poke your dog during a visit? Here's a breakdown of the major body systems they're checking out and what they're looking for (and hoping not to find).



COAT, SKIN, AND NAILS: poor overall quality of coat; lumps and bumps rashes; areas of hair loss or excessive dander; matted or saliva-stained fur; fleas or ticks; callouses; overgrown or ingrown toenails; dehydration