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Caring For Aging Animals

An activity of "Zoo penguins spend their retirement years in comfort".

Have you ever wondered what happens to zoo animals when they age and need special care? Read "Zoo penguins spend their retirement years in comfort" (page 19, *What's Up* May 2025) to find out how some African penguins at an American aquarium are cared for when they retire.

- A. Using the *What's Up* story, list the specialised care that the aging zoo penguins are receiving with regards to their environment, diet, and therapy at the New England Aquarium.

Care for aging zoo penguins at the New England Aquarium	
1. Adapted environment	
2. Special diet	3. Individual therapy

- B. Watch the following video on the specialised care that aging dogs need.

How to take care of old/senior dogs at home | Vet Visit

➤ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wqs7uhjisTM&t=2s>

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C. Form a panel of students who have experience with aging animals. The animals could be pets of their own, at a relative's or friend's home, or at an animal shelter. The rest of the students then take turns to ask the panel questions, inviting them to share their knowledge and experience about caring for aging animals.

Jot down ↓, in point form, the panel's responses as well as your own thoughts.

Specialised Care for Aging Animals			
Type of Animal	_____	_____	_____
Adapted environment			
Special Diet			
Individual Therapy			
Other ways of caring for the aging animals			

D. Reflect on how much of the information gathered here was already familiar to you. What did you learn that was surprising? Share your reflections with another student.