
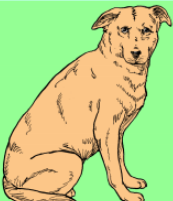










Pain Score	Example	Psychological & Behavioral	Response to Palpation	Body Tension
0		<input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable when resting <input type="checkbox"/> Happy, content <input type="checkbox"/> Not bothering wound or surgery site <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in or curious about surroundings	<input type="checkbox"/> Nontender to palpation of wound or surgery site, or to palpation elsewhere	Minimal
1		<input type="checkbox"/> Content to slightly unsettled or restless <input type="checkbox"/> Distracted easily by surroundings	<input type="checkbox"/> Reacts to palpation of wound, surgery site, or other body part by looking around, flinching, or whimpering	Mild
2		<input type="checkbox"/> Looks uncomfortable when resting <input type="checkbox"/> May whimper or cry and may lick or rub wound or surgery site when unattended <input type="checkbox"/> Droopy ears, worried facial expression (arched eye brows, darting eyes) <input type="checkbox"/> Reluctant to respond when beckoned <input type="checkbox"/> Not eager to interact with people or surroundings but will look around to see what is going on	<input type="checkbox"/> Flinches, whimpers cries, or guards/pulls away	Mild to Moderate Reassess analgesic plan
3		<input type="checkbox"/> Unsettled, crying, groaning, biting or chewing wound when unattended <input type="checkbox"/> Guards or protects wound or surgery site by altering weight distribution (i.e., limping, shifting body position) <input type="checkbox"/> May be unwilling to move all or part of body	<input type="checkbox"/> May be subtle (shifting eyes or increased respiratory rate) if dog is too painful to move or is stoic <input type="checkbox"/> May be dramatic , such as a sharp cry, growl, bite or bite threat, and/or pulling away	Moderate Reassess analgesic plan
4		<input type="checkbox"/> Constantly groaning or screaming when unattended <input type="checkbox"/> May bite or chew at wound, but unlikely to move <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially unresponsive to surroundings <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to distract from pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Cries at non-painful palpation (may be experiencing allodynia, wind-up, or fearful that pain could be made worse) <input type="checkbox"/> May react aggressively to palpation	Moderate to Severe May be rigid to avoid painful movement Reassess analgesic plan

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0		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Content and quiet when unattended <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable when resting <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in or curious about surroundings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Not bothered by palpation of wound or surgery site, or to palpation elsewhere 	Minimal
1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Signs are often subtle and not easily detected in the hospital setting; more likely to be detected by the owner(s) at home <input type="checkbox"/> Earliest signs at home may be withdrawal from surroundings or change in normal routine <input type="checkbox"/> In the hospital, may be content or slightly unsettled <input type="checkbox"/> Less interested in surroundings but will look around to see what is going on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> May or may not react to palpation of wound or surgery site 	Mild
2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased responsiveness, seeks solitude <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet, loss of brightness in eyes <input type="checkbox"/> Lays curled up or sits tucked up (all four feet under body, shoulders hunched, head held slightly lower than shoulders, tail curled tightly around body) with eyes partially or mostly closed <input type="checkbox"/> Hair coat appears rough or fluffed up <input type="checkbox"/> May intensively groom an area that is painful or irritating <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased appetite, not interested in food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Responds aggressively or tries to escape if painful area is palpated or approached <input type="checkbox"/> Tolerates attention, may even perk up when petted as long as painful area is avoided 	Mild to Moderate Reassess analgesic plan
3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Constantly yowling, growling, or hissing when unattended <input type="checkbox"/> May bite or chew at wound, but unlikely to move if left alone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Growls or hisses at non-painful palpation (may be experiencing allodynia, wind-up, or fearful that pain could be made worse) <input type="checkbox"/> Reacts aggressively to palpation, adamantly pulls away to avoid any contact 	Moderate Reassess analgesic plan
4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Prostrate <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially unresponsive to or unaware of surroundings, difficult to distract from pain <input type="checkbox"/> Receptive to care (even aggressive or feral cats will be more tolerant of contact) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> May not respond to palpation <input type="checkbox"/> May be rigid to avoid painful movement 	Moderate to Severe May be rigid to avoid painful movement Reassess analgesic plan

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