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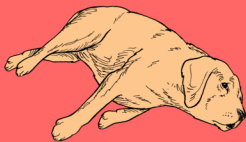


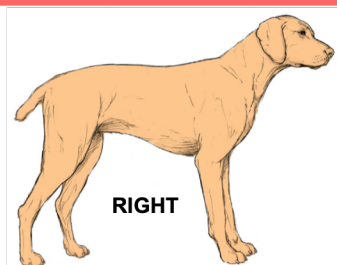
Canine Acute Pain Scale

Date _____ Time _____

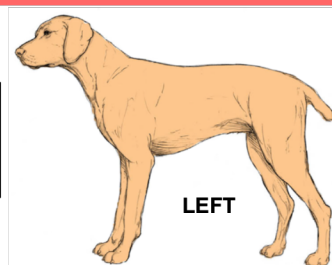
Rescore when awake

- ☐ Animal is sleeping, but can be aroused - Not evaluated for pain
☐ Animal can't be aroused, check vital signs, assess therapy

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



- ☐ Tender to palpation
☒ Warm
☒ Tense



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