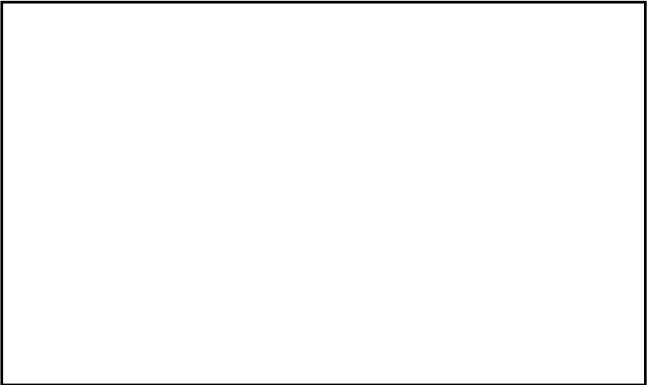


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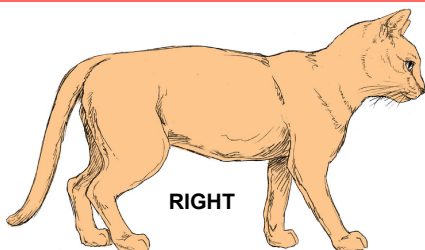


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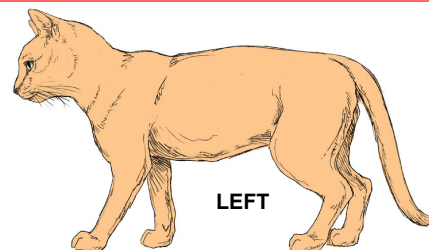
Rescore when awake

- 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          |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Content and quiet when unattended</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable when resting</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Interested in or curious about surroundings</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Not bothered by palpation of wound or surgery site, or to palpation elsewhere</li> </ul>   | Minimal   |
| 1          |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><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</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Earliest signs at home may be <b>withdrawal from surroundings or change in normal routine</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> In the hospital, may be content or slightly unsettled</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Less interested in surroundings but will look around to see what is going on</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> May or may not react to palpation of wound or surgery site</li> </ul>  | Mild  |
| 2          |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Decreased responsiveness, <b>seeks solitude</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Quiet, loss of brightness in eyes</li> <li><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</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hair coat appears rough or fluffed up</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> May intensively groom an area that is painful or irritating</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Decreased appetite, <b>not interested in food</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Responds aggressively or tries to escape if painful area is palpated or approached</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tolerates attention, may even perk up when petted as long as painful area is avoided</li> </ul>   | Mild to Moderate<br><b>Reassess analgesic plan</b>  |
| 3          |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Constantly <b>yowling, growling, or hissing</b> when unattended</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> May bite or chew at wound, but <b>unlikely to move</b> if left alone</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Growls or hisses at non-painful palpation</b> (may be experiencing allodynia, wind-up, or fearful that pain could be made worse)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reacts aggressively</b> to palpation, <b>adamantly pulls away</b> to avoid any contact</li> </ul> | Moderate<br><b>Reassess analgesic plan</b>  |
| 4          |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prostrate</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Potentially <b>unresponsive</b> to or unaware of surroundings, difficult to distract from pain</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Receptive to care (even mean or wild cats will be more tolerant of contact)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>May not respond</b> to palpation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>May be rigid to avoid painful movement</b></li> </ul>   | Moderate to Severe<br><b>May be rigid to avoid painful movement</b><br><b>Reassess analgesic plan</b> |



- Tender to palpation
- Warm
- Tense



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