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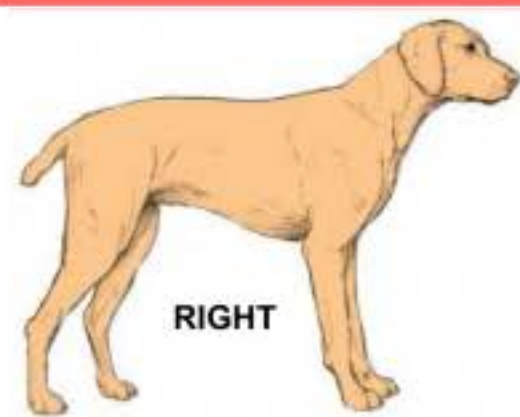


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Canine Acute Pain Scale

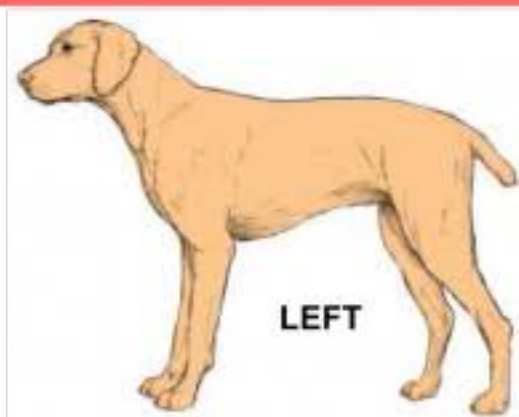
Rescore when awake

- 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 |
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| 0 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Nontender to palpation of wound or surgery site, or to palpation elsewhere | Minimal |
| 1 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Content to slightly unsettled or restless <input type="checkbox"/> Distracted easily by surroundings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Reacts to palpation of wound, surgery site, or other body part by looking around, flinching, or whimpering | Mild |
| 2 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Flinches, whimpers cries, or guards/pulls away | Mild to Moderate Reassess analgesic plan |
| 3 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 |



- Tender to palpation
- × Warm
- Tense



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