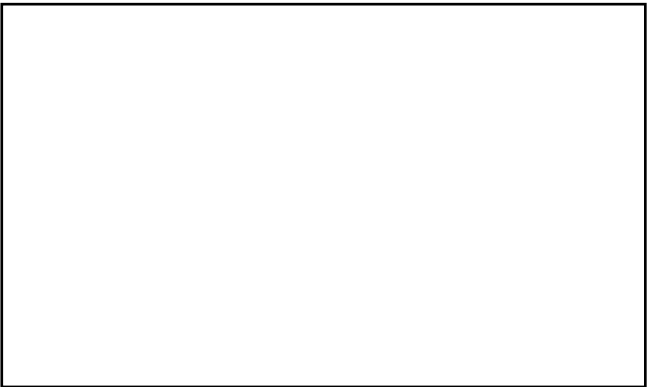


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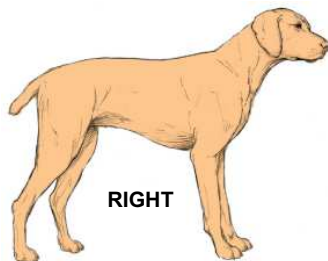


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Rescore when awake

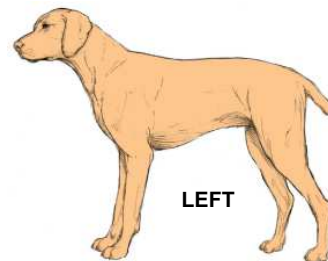
- Animal is sleeping, but can be aroused - Not evaluated for pain
- Animal can't be aroused, check vital signs, assess therapy

Pain Score	Example	Psychological & Behavioral	Response to Palpation	Body Tension
0		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable when resting</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Happy, content</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Not bothering wound or surgery site</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Interested in or curious about surroundings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nontender to palpation of wound or surgery site, or to palpation elsewhere</li> </ul>	Minimal
1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Content to slightly unsettled or restless</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Distracted easily by surroundings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reacts to palpation of wound, surgery site, or other body part by looking around, flinching, or whimpering</li> </ul>	Mild
2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Looks uncomfortable when resting</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> May whimper or cry and may lick or rub wound or surgery site when unattended</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Droopy ears, worried facial expression (arched eye brows, darting eyes)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reluctant to respond when beckoned</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Not eager to interact with people or surroundings but will look around to see what is going on</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Flinches, whimpers cries, or guards/pulls away</li> </ul>	Mild to Moderate <b>Reassess analgesic plan</b>
3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Unsettled, crying, groaning, biting or chewing wound when unattended</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Guards or protects wound or surgery site by altering weight distribution (i.e., limping, shifting body position)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> May be unwilling to move all or part of body</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> May be subtle (shifting eyes or increased respiratory rate) if dog is too painful to move or is stoic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> May be dramatic, such as a sharp cry, growl, bite or bite threat, and/or pulling away</li> </ul>	Moderate <b>Reassess analgesic plan</b>
4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Constantly groaning or screaming when unattended</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> May bite or chew at wound, but unlikely to move</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Potentially unresponsive to surroundings</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to distract from pain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cries at non-painful palpation (may be experiencing allodynia, wind-up, or fearful that pain could be made worse)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> May react aggressively to palpation</li> </ul>	Moderate to Severe <b>May be rigid to avoid painful movement</b> <b>Reassess analgesic plan</b>



RIGHT

- Tender to palpation
- Warm
- Tense



LEFT

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