

Feline Acute Pain Scale

For assessment of acutely painful conditions and postsurgical assessment

PATIENT:..... DATE:.....
OWNER:..... TIME:.....

PAIN SCORE

Owner Assessment

Veterinarian Assessment

Behavioral

Response to Palpation

Body Tension



- Content and quiet
- Comfortable and resting
- Interested in surroundings

- Not bothered by palpation of wound/incision or elsewhere

Minimal



- Withdrawal from surroundings
- Less interested in surroundings

- May/May not react to palpation of painful area/incision site

Mild



- Quiet, seeks solitude
- Lays curled up/Sits tucked up
- Eyes partially closed
- Hair coat appears rough/fluffed up
- May intensely groom a painful area
- Decreased appetite

- Responds aggressively or tries to escape
- Tolerates exam of non-painful areas

**Mild to Moderate
Reassess
analgesic pain**



- Very vocal - growling/yowling/hissing
- May chew at wound/painful area
- Unlikely to move if left alone

- Growls or hisses/Reacts aggressively
- Adamantly pulls away

**Moderate
Reassess
analgesic pain**

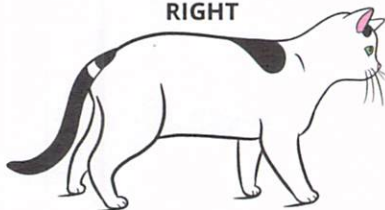


- Lateral recumbency (unwilling to stand)
- Unresponsive to/unaware of surroundings
- Receptive to care even if aggressive

- May not respond

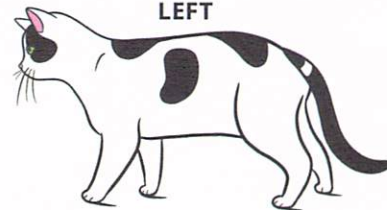
**Moderate to Severe
May be rigid
Reassess
analgesic pain**

RIGHT



- Painful palpation
- × Warm to touch
- Tense

LEFT



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