BEAP Pain Scale for Dogs



	Many signs of chronic pain a	are n	on-specific. Make sure to see your vet to rule	out o	other disease as a cause of these signs.
	压剂		B: Breathing normally	П	A: Eating and drinking normally
0		$\overline{\Box}$	E: Eyes bright and alert	$\overline{\sqcap}$	A: Happy; interested in surroundings and playing; seeks attention
No Pain	(6) H		A: Walks normally on all four legs; no lameness present		P: Comfortable at rest and during play; perky ears and wagging tail
	1886		A: Engages in play and all normal activities		P: Enjoys being touched and petted; no body tension present
1-2	(A)		B: Breathing normally		A: Eating and drinking normally
Mild		П	E: Eyes bright and alert	$\overline{\sqcap}$	A: Happy and engaged, may seem a little more subdued with some "off" moments interspersed
Pain	200	H	A: Walks normally; may exhibit very subtle		with normal behaviors P: May show occasional shifting of position; tail
Speak to your vet during your next appointment	145	H	A: May show first signs of being just a little	Н	may be down just a little more, ears slightly flatter P: Enjoys being touched and petted; no body
аррининенс	2000		more slow to lie down or rise up (subtle!)		tension present
3-4	700		B: May pant intermittently	Ш	A: Appetite more finicky, such as wanting only treats or "people" food
Moderate	1 17		E: Eyes slightly more dull in appearance; can have a slightly furrowed brow		A: Subdued; engages less or does not initiate play P: Difficulty squatting or lifting leg to urinate,
Pain See your vet	(5)(1)		A: Noticeably slower to lie down or rise up; may exhibit lameness when walking		subtle changes in posture; tail more tucked and ears more flattened
to assess pain			A: May be slightly unsettled and more restless; difficulty getting comfortable; shifting weight		P: Does not mind touch except on painful area; turns head to look where touched; mild body tension
5-6			B: Panting often noted, possibly with an increased breathing effort		A: Will frequently lose appetite
Moderate	Trans	$\overline{\Box}$	E: Dull eyes, worried look		A: Anxious, unsettled or restless; unable to settle or sleep well
to Severe Pain			A: Very slow to rise up and lie down; hesitation with movement; difficulty on stairs; reluctant to	\Box	P: Abnormal weight distribution when standing; difficulty posturing to eliminate; arched back,
CONCERNING! See your vet	10	$\overline{}$	come when called; more obvious lameness A: Not eager to interact but may be in tune with		tucked belly, head hanging low; tucked tail; frequently shifts positions; ears more flattened
see your vet	8 8 2		surroundings; obvious lameness when walking; may lick painful area		P: Pulls away painful area when touched; moderate body tension when being touched
7-8	163		B: Faster breathing rate with more noticeable effort; frequent panting episodes common		A: Loss of appetite; may not want to drink A: Agitated, fearful, worried, reclusive, potentially
Severe			E: Dull eyes, may also have distressed look A: Obvious difficulty rising up or lying down;		aggressive
Pain VERY	OIF		will not bear weight on affected leg; avoids stairs; obvious lameness		P: Tail tucked, ears flattened or pinned back; abnormal posture when standing; more hestitant to move or stand
CONCERNING! Se e your vet	ed.		A: Avoids interaction with family or environment; will often "go off" or hide; may frequently lick		P: Significant body tension when painful area touched; may vocalize in pain; guards painful area
			painful area B: Panting; increased breathing rate and effort		by pulling away or changing position A: No interest in food or water
9-10	(Signal)	H	E: Dull eyes: may have panicked look	H	A: Extremely depressed or minimally responsive ("flat out"); may vocalize in pain; in distress at rest
Worst Pain	(-)	H	A: May refuse to get up; may not be able to	$\overline{}$	P: Prefers lying position or being on side; flat or pinned ears; may prefer to be very tucked up or
Possible	(CS) 2		(or willing to) take more than a few steps; will not bear weight on painful limb	二	stretched out P: Severe body tension when touched; will not
Se e your vet			A: Difficulty in being distracted from pain, even with gentle touch or soothing voice	Ш	tolerate touch of painful area; becomes fearful when other areas that are not painful are touched
Specific behaviors or physical changes I see:					
	Breathing:				
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	Ambulation:				
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