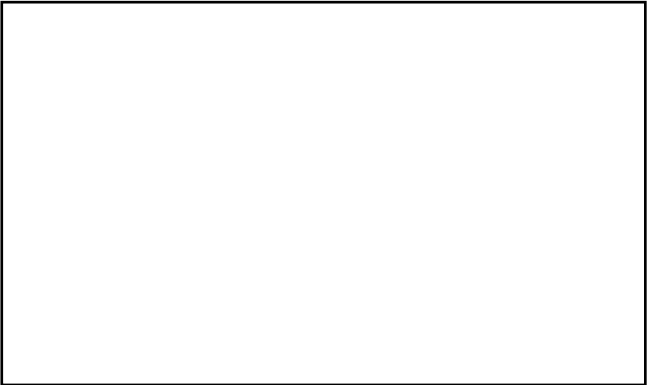


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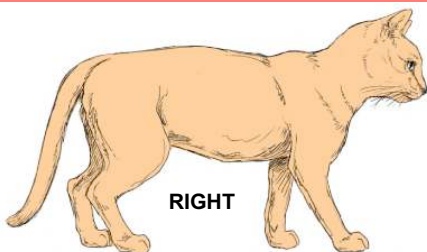


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Rescore when awake

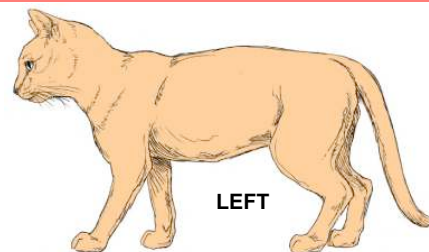
- Animal is sleeping, but can be aroused - Not evaluated for pain
- Animal can't be aroused, check vital signs, assess therapy

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 <b>curious</b> about surroundings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Not bothered</b> 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"/> <b>Less interested</b> 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"/> <b>Quiet</b>, loss of brightness in eyes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lays curled up or sits tucked up</b> (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"/> <b>Hair coat appears rough</b> 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"/> <b>Responds aggressively or tries to escape</b> 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 <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 <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 <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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