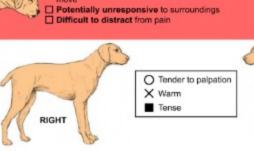
Colorado State University Colorado State University Veterinary Medical Center Canine Acute Pain Scale				
	Rescore when awake	☐ Animal is sleeping, but can be aroused - Not even ☐ Animal can't be aroused, check vital signs, ass		
Pain Score	Example	Psychological & Behavioral	Response to Palpation	Body Tension
7	Service Services	☐ Comfortable when resting ☐ Happy, content ☐ Not bothering wound or surgery site ☐ Interested in or curious about surroundings	Nontender to palpation of wound or surgery site, or to palpation elsewhere	Minimal
 		☐ Content to slightly unsettled or restless ☐ Distracted easily by surroundings	Reacts to palpation of wound, surgery site, or other body part by looking around, flinching, or whimpering	Mild
2 +		□ Looks uncomfortable when resting □ May whimper or cry and may lick or rub wound or surgery site when unattended □ Droopy ears, worried facial expression (arched eye brows, darting eyes) □ Reluctant to respond when beckened □ Not eager to interact with people or surroundings but will look around to see what is going on	Flinches, whimpers cries, or guards/pulls away	Mild to Moderate Reassess analgesic plan
3 +		□ Unsettled, crying, groaning, biting or chewing wound when unattended □ Guards or protects wound or surgery site by altering weight distribution (i.e., limping, shifting body position) □ May be unwilling to move all or part of body	□ May be subtle (shifting eyes or increased respiratory rate) if dog is too painful to move or is stoic □ May be dramatic, such as a sharp cry, growl, bite or bite threat, and/or pulling away	Moderate Reassess analgesic plan
+ + +	Ayon.	Constantly groaning or screaming when unattended May bite or chew at wound, but unlikely to move Potentially unresponsive to surroundings Difficult to distract from pain	☐ Cries at non-painful palpation (may be experiencing allodynia, wind-up, or fearful that pain could be made worse) ☐ May react aggressively to palpation	Moderate to Severe May be rigid to avoid painful movement Reassess analgesic plan



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