Canine Acute Pain Scale

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
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0 | | Comfortable when resting | Nontender to palpation of wound or surgery site, or to palpation elsewhere | Minimal
1 | | Content to slightly unsettled or restless | Reacts to palpation of wound, surgery site, or other body part by looking around, flinching, or whimpering | Mild
2 | | Looks uncomfortable when resting | Flinches, whimpers cries, or guards/pulls away | Mild to Moderate
3 | | Unsettled, crying, groaning, biting or chewing wound when unattended | May be subtle (shifting eyes or increased respiratory rate) if dog is too painful to move or is stoic | Moderate
4 | | Constantly groaning or screaming when unattended | Cries at non-painful palpation (may be experiencing allodynia, wind-up, or fearful that pain could be made worse) | Moderate to Severe

Comments

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