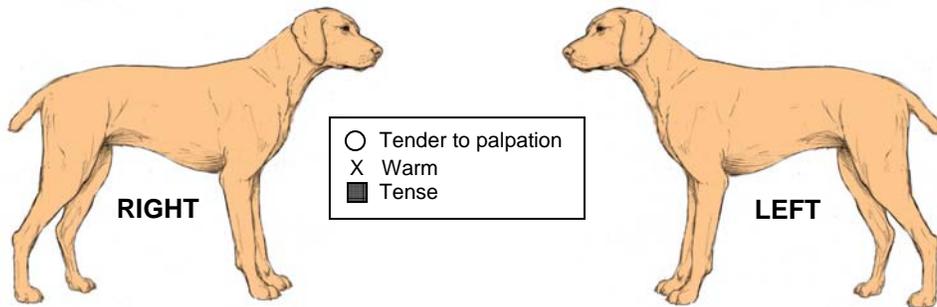


## Colorado State University Veterinary Medical Center Canine Acute Pain Scale



Pain Score	Example	Psychological & Behavioral	Response to Palpation	Body Tension
No Score		<input type="checkbox"/> Animal is sleeping and cannot be evaluated		
0		<input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable when resting <input type="checkbox"/> Happy, content <input type="checkbox"/> Not bothering wound or surgery site <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in or <b>curious</b> about surroundings	<input type="checkbox"/> Nontender to palpation of wound or surgery site, or to palpation elsewhere	Minimal
1		<input type="checkbox"/> Content to slightly <b>unsettled</b> or restless <input type="checkbox"/> Distracted easily by surroundings	<input type="checkbox"/> Reacts to palpation of wound, surgery site, or other body part by <b>looking around, flinching, or whimpering</b>	Mild
2		<input type="checkbox"/> Looks <b>uncomfortable</b> when resting. <input type="checkbox"/> May <b>whimper</b> or cry and may <b>lick or rub wound</b> or surgery site when unattended <input type="checkbox"/> Droopy ears, <b>worried facial expression</b> (arched eye brows, darting eyes) <input type="checkbox"/> Reluctant to respond when beckoned <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Not eager to interact</b> with people or surroundings but will look around to see what is going on	<input type="checkbox"/> Flinches, whimpers cries, or guards/pulls away	Mild to Moderate <b>Reassess analgesic plan</b>
3		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unsettled, crying, groaning, biting or chewing</b> wound when unattended <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Guards or protects</b> wound or surgery site by altering weight distribution (i.e., limping, shifting body position) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>May be unwilling to move</b> all or part of body	<input type="checkbox"/> May be <b>subtle</b> (shifting eyes or increased respiratory rate) if dog is too painful to move or is stoic <input type="checkbox"/> May be <b>dramatic</b> , such as a sharp cry, growl, bite or bite threat, and/or pulling away	Moderate <b>Reassess analgesic plan</b>
4		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Constantly groaning or screaming</b> when unattended <input type="checkbox"/> May bite or chew at wound, but unlikely to move <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Potentially unresponsive</b> to surroundings <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Difficult to distract</b> from pain	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cries at non-painful palpation</b> (may be experiencing allodynia, wind-up, or fearful that pain could be made worse) <input type="checkbox"/> May react <b>aggressively</b> to palpation	Moderate to Severe <b>May be rigid to avoid painful movement</b> <b>Reassess analgesic plan</b>



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