

Animal Hospital of Statesville's Pain Scale

- 0- **No Pain** Running and playing Heart rate normal Appetite normal Anxiety or anxious can be normal
- 1- **Probably No Pain** but condition not as clear cut as 0 Heart rate may be elevated Cats may still purr **Stubbed Toe**
- 2- **Mild Discomfort** Still eats and sleeps but not deeply May limp or resist palpation Heart rate can be normal Dogs can wag their tail and cats may purr with owner **Need to be reassessed in an hour Broken toe**
- 3- **Mild Pain** Slight depression limps or guards an area may tuck abdomen May tremble Becomes picky with the food respiration may be shallow or increased Cats may still purr and dogs may still wag tails **Needs Analgesia Neuter**
- 4- **Mild to Moderate Pain** Patient resists touch No interest in food Slow to rise and may not want to move Pupils may dilate May whimper or meow occasionally Heart rate and respiratory rate increased **Bite Wound**
- 5- **Moderate Pain** May bite or attempt to bite as approaching the painful area Head may be down Frequent vocalization with manipulation Ears pulled back Will lie down but not sleep May assume praying position **Spay**
- 6- **Increased Moderate Pain** Vocalizes without provocation or when attempting to move Abdominal lift can occur-lifting the belly and opening mouth without vocalizing **Declaw**
- 7- **Moderate to Severe Pain** Patient very depressed and not concerned with its surroundings but will respond to noise May urinate or defecate without attempting to move Spontaneous or continual whimpering **Hit By car**
- 8- **Severe Pain** Patient may not notice another presence May thrash around in cage intermittently May remain motionless **Pancreatitis/Ruptured Bowel**
- 9- **Severe to Excruciating Pain** Patient trembles involuntarily and is hyperesthetic Can cause death **Cauda Equina Syndrome**
- 10- **Almost Comatose** Can elicit high pitched scream or be comatose Whole body trembling and will not allow touch **Pelvic Fracture**