## Animal Hospital of Northwood

### Pain Scoring System

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| 0          | ![Cat 0](image) | Content and quiet when unattended  
Comfortable when resting  
Interested in or curious about surroundings | Not bothered by palpation of wound or surgery site, or to palpation elsewhere | Minimal |
| 1          | ![Cat 1](image) | Signs are often subtle and not easily detected in the hospital setting, more likely to be detected by the owner(s) at home  
Earliest signs at home may be withdrawal from surroundings or change in normal routine  
In the hospital, may be content or slightly unsettled  
Less interested in surroundings but will look around to see what is going on | May or may not react to palpation of wound or surgery site | Mild |
| 2          | ![Cat 2](image) | Decreased responsiveness; seeks solitude  
Quiet, loss of brightness in eyes  
Lays curled up or sits tucked up (all four feet under body, shoulders hunched, head held slightly lower than shoulders, tail curled tightly around body) with eyes partially or mostly closed  
Hair coat appears rough or fluffed up  
May intensively groom an area that is painful or irritating  
Decreased appetite, not interested in food | Responds aggressively or tries to escape if painful area is palpated or approached  
Tolerates attention, may even perk up when patted as long as painful area is avoided | Mild to Moderate  
Reassess analgesic plan |
| 3          | ![Cat 3](image) | Constantly yowling, growling, or hissing when unattended  
May bite or chew at wound, but unlikely to move if left alone | Grows or hisses at non-painful palpation (may be experiencing autodysnia, wind-up, or fearful that pain could be made worse)  
Reacts aggressively to palpation, agitatedly pulls away to avoid any contact | Moderate  
Reassess analgesic plan |
| 4          | ![Cat 4](image) | Prostrate  
Potentially unresponsive or unaware of surroundings, difficult to distract from pain  
Receptive to care (even mean or wild cats will be more tolerant of contact) | May not respond to palpation  
May be rigid to avoid painful movement | Moderate to Severe  
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Reassess analgesic plan |

### Comments

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