PAIN EVALUATION CHART – CATS

Patient name _____
Case number _____
Analgesics _____
Date _____

Please tick the answer that you feel is appropriate to the dog you are assessing. If more than one answer is appropriate, tick all that apply.

From outside the cat's pod, look at the cat's behaviour and answer the following questions.

1. Look at the cat's posture, does it seem…

Crouched or rigid												
Hunched or Tense												
Neither of these												

2. Does the cat seem to be…

Restless												
Settled												

3. Is the cat…

Sitting in the litter tray												
Meowing abnormally												
None of these												

4. Look at the cat's chart, has it…

Not eaten anything												
Picked at it's food												
Eaten well												

5. If the cat is paying/trying to pay attention to it's wound (even if it has a collar on), is it…

Chewing												
Licking, looking or rubbing												
Ignoring the wound												

6. Does the cat seem to be…

Aggressive/hissing/spitting												
Depressed												
Disinterested												
Nervous, anxious or fearful												
Quiet or indifferent												
Contented												
Happy and affectionate												

***READ LAMINATED SHEET – INSTRUCTION A (Ophthalmology patients only)**

7. Assess the following conditions and give a score for each…

Blepharospasm												
Blinks (no. in 30 seconds)												
Lacrimation												
Conjunctival hyperaemia												

TIME												
INITIALS												

*** READ LAMINATED SHEET – INSTRUCTION B**

8. Does the cat seem to be…

Aggressive/hissing/spitting												
Depressed												
Disinterested												
Nervous, anxious or fearful												
Quiet or indifferent												
Contented												
Happy and affectionate												

***READ LAMINATED SHEET – INSTRUCTION C**

9. During this procedure did the cat seem to be…

Stiff												
Slow/reluctant to rise or sit												
Lame												
None of these												
Assessment not carried out												

***READ LAMINATED SHEET – INSTRUCTION D**

10. When touched did the cat…

Become defensive												
Hiss												
Growl or guard the wound												
Flinch/become tense												
Look round sharply												
None of these												

11. In your opinion, would you classify the cat as…

Painful												
Uncomfortable												
Comfortable												

Taking everything you've assessed into account, and using the guide below, allocate a number between 1-10 for how painful you consider the cat to be, and tick if pain relief was given.
It is also worth reading the NCP to see how the cat has been in itself.
Any additional comments you would like to make can be written on the patient's kennel chart.

▲ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ▲
No pain Low pain Painful Very painful Extreme pain

PAIN SCORE												
PAIN RELIEF GIVEN?												

TIME												
INITIALS												

ADDITONAL COMMENTS/NOTES												