PAIN EVALUATION CHART – DOGS

Patient name _____
Case number _____
Analgesics _____
Date(s) _____

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 kennel, look at the dog's behaviour and answer the following questions.

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

Rigid												
Hunched or Tense												
Neither of these												

2. Does the dog seem to be…

Restless												
Settled												

3. If the dog is vocalising, is it…

Screaming												
Groaning												
Crying or whimpering												
Not vocalising/none of these												

4. Look at the dog's chart, has it…

Not eaten anything												
Picked at it's food												
Eaten well												

5. If the dog 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 dog seem to be…

Aggressive												
Depressed												
Disinterested												
Nervous, anxious or fearful												
Quiet or indifferent												
Happy and content												
Happy and bouncy												

***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 dog seem to be…

Aggressive												
Depressed												
Disinterested												
Nervous, anxious or fearful												
Quiet or indifferent												
Happy and content												
Happy and bouncy												

***READ LAMINATED SHEET – INSTRUCTION C**

9. During this procedure did the dog 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 dog…

Snap												
Growl or guard the area												
Cry												
Flinch/become tense												
Look round sharply												
None of these												

11. In your opinion, would you classify the dog 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 dog to be, and tick if pain relief was given.
It is also worth reading the NCP to see how the dog 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												