

DOGS



INSTRUCTION A.

Observing the animal, use the following scoring system to assess the level of discomfort

(0 = none, 1 = mild, 2 = moderate, 3 = severe)

Blepharospasm	Score 0, 1, 2, 3
Blinks	Count the number in 30 seconds
Lacrimation	Score 0, 1, 2, 3
Conjunctival hyperaemia	Score 0, 1, 2, 3

INSTRUCTION B.

Now approach the kennel door and call the dog's name. Then, if the patient's condition allows, open the door and encourage the dog to come to you. From the dog's reaction to you try and assess their character.

INSTRUCTION C.

Now look at the dog's response to stimuli. If a mobility assessment is possible, open the kennel and put a lead on the dog. If the dog is sitting down, encourage it to stand and then come out of the kennel. Walk slowly up and down the area outside the kennel. If the dog was standing up in the kennel and has undergone a procedure that may be painful in the perianal area, ask the dog to sit down.

INSTRUCTION D.

Assess the dog's response to touch. If the dog has a wound, apply gentle pressure using two fingers in an area approximately 2 inches around it. If the position of the wound is impossible to touch, then apply the pressure to the closest point to the wound. If there is no wound, apply the same pressure to the stifle and surrounding area.

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

CATS



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INSTRUCTION B.

Now approach the pod door and call the cat's name. Then, if the patient's condition allows, open the door and encourage the cat to come to you. From the cat's reaction to you try and assess their character.

INSTRUCTION C.

Now look at the cat's response to stimuli. If a mobility assessment is possible, open the pod and lift the cat out onto the floor or table. If the cat is lying down, encourage it to stand and then come out of the pod. If the cat was standing up in the kennel and has undergone a procedure that may be painful in the perianal area, observe if the cat is able to sit down.

INSTRUCTION D.

Assess the cat's response to touch. If the cat has a wound, apply gentle pressure using two fingers in an area approximately 2 inches around it. If the position of the wound is impossible to touch, then apply the pressure to the closest point to the wound. If there is no wound, apply the same pressure to the stifle and surrounding area.

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No pain	Low pain		Painful		Very painful		Extreme pain		