SHORT FORM OF THE GLASGOW COMPOSITE PAIN SCALE

Dog’s name ___________________________
Hospital Number ___________ Date / / Time
Procedure or Condition ___________________________

In the sections below please circle the appropriate score in each list and sum these to give the total score.

A. Look at dog in Kennel

Is the dog?

(i) Quiet 0 Ignoring any wound or painful area 0
Crying or whimpering 1 Looking at wound or painful area 1
Groaning 2 Licking wound or painful area 2
Screaming 3 Rubbing wound or painful area 3

B. Put lead on dog and lead out of the kennel.

When the dog rises/walks is it?

(iii) Normal 0 Do nothing 0
Lame 1 Look round 1
Slow or reluctant 2 Flinch 2
Stiff 3 Growl or guard area 3
It refuses to move 4 Snap 4
Cry 5

C. If it has a wound or painful area apply gentle pressure 2 inches round the site.

Does it?

(iv) Do nothing 0
Look round 1
Flinch 2
Growl or guard area 3
Snap 4
Cry 5

D. Overall

Is the dog?

(v) Happy and content or happy and bouncy 0 Comfortable 0
Quiet 1 Unsettled 1
Indifferent or non-responsive to surroundings 2 Restless 2
Nervous or anxious or fearful 3 Hunched or tense 3
Depressed or non-responsive to stimulation 4 Rigid 4

Total Score (i+ii+iii+iv+v+vi) = _______

Rescue criteria: > 5/20 (non-ambulatory) or > 6/24 (ambulatory)

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