

SHORT FORM OF THE GLASGOW COMPOSITE MEASURE PAIN SCALE

Dog's name _____

Date / / Time _____

Patient ID _____

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

(I) Is the dog?

Quiet 0
Crying or whimpering 1
Groaning 2
Screaming 3

(II) Is the dog?

Ignoring any wound or painful area 0
Looking at wound or painful area 1
Licking wound or painful area 2
Rubbing wound or painful area 3
Chewing wound or painful area 4

In the case of spinal, pelvic or multiple limb fractures, or where assistance is required to aid locomotion, do not carry out section B and proceed to C.

Please tick if this is the case ☐

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

(III) When the dog rises/walks, is it?

Normal 0
Lame 1
Slow or reluctant 2
Stiff 3
It refuses to move 4

C. If the dog has a wound or painful area including abdomen, apply gentle pressure 2 inches (5 cm) around the site

(IV) Does it?

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

D. Overall

(V) Is the dog?

Happy and content or happy and bouncy 0
Quiet 1
Indifferent or non-responsive to surroundings 2
Nervous or anxious or fearful 3
Depressed or non-responsive to stimulation 4

(VI) Is the dog?

Comfortable 0
Unsettled 1
Restless 2
Hunched or tense 3
Rigid 4

Total score (I + II + III + IV + V + VI) = _____

The pain score is the sum of the rank scores, with a maximum score of 24 (20 if mobility is impossible to assess). The total score is a useful indicator of analgesic requirement; the recommended analgesic intervention level is 6/24 (or 5/20).