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SHORT FORM OF THE GLASGOW COMPOSITE PAIN SCALE

Dog's name _____

Hospital Number _____ Date / / Time

Surgery Yes/No (delete as appropriate)

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)		(ii)	
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
		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 then proceed to C.

B. Put lead on dog and lead out of the kennel. C. If it has a wound or painful area including abdomen, apply gentle pressure 2 inches round the site.

When the dog rises/walks is it?

(iii)		<i>Does it?</i>	
Normal	0	(iv)	
Lame	1	Do nothing	0
Slow or reluctant	2	Look round	1
Stiff	3	Flinch	2
It refuses to move	4	Growl or guard area	3
		Snap	4
		Cry	5

D. Overall

Is the dog?

(v)	
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

Is the dog?

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