

Glasgow Composite Measure Pain Scale: CMPS - Feline

Guidance for use

The Glasgow Feline Composite Measure Pain Scale (CMPS-Feline), which can be applied quickly and reliably in a clinical setting, has been designed as a clinical decision making tool for use in cats in acute pain. It includes 28 descriptor options within 7 behavioral categories. Within each category, the descriptors are ranked numerically according to their associated pain severity and the person carrying out the assessment chooses the descriptor within each category which best fits the cat's behavior/condition. It is important to carry out the assessment procedure as described on the questionnaire, following the protocol closely. The pain score is the sum of the rank scores. The maximum score for the 7 categories is 20. The total CMPS-Feline score has been shown to be a useful indicator of analgesic requirement and the recommended analgesic intervention level is 5/20.

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Choose the most appropriate expression from each section and total the scores to calculate the pain score for the cat. If more than one expression applies choose the higher score

LOOK AT THE CAT IN ITS CAGE:

Is it?

Question 1

Silent / purring / meowing	0
Crying/growling / groaning	1

Question 2

Relaxed		0
Licking lips	1	
Restless/cowering at back of cage		2
Tense/crouched		3
Rigid/hunched		4

Question 3

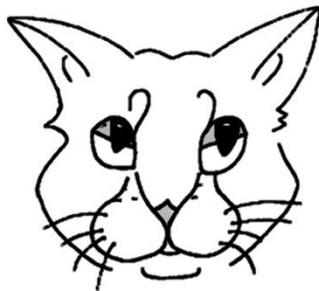
Ignoring any wound or painful area	0
Attention to wound	1

Question 4

- a) Look at the following caricatures. Circle the drawing which best depicts the cat's ear position?



0



1



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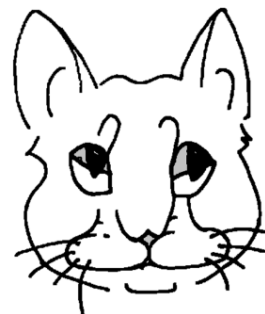
- b) Look at the shape of the muzzle in the following caricatures. Circle the drawing which appears most like that of the cat?



0



1



2

APPROACH THE CAGE, CALL THE CAT BY NAME & STROKE ALONG ITS BACK FROM HEAD TO TAIL

Question 5

Does it?

Respond to stroking 0

Is it?

Unresponsive 1

Aggressive 2

IF IT HAS A WOUND OR PAINFUL AREA, APPLY GENTLE PRESSURE 5 CM AROUND THE SITE. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY PAINFUL AREA APPLY SIMILAR PRESSURE AROUND THE HIND LEG ABOVE THE KNEE

Question 6

Does it?

Do nothing 0

Swish tail/flatten ears 1

Cry/hiss 2

Growl 3

Bite/lash out 4

Question 7

General impression

Is the cat?

Happy and content 0

Disinterested/quiet 1

Anxious/fearful 2

Dull 3

Depressed/grumpy 4

Pain Score ... /20

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