



**WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
OBSERVATION FORM**

Appetite, Hydration Codes: G = Good, F = Fair, P = Poor A= Absent NE = Not examined	Stool Codes: N= Normal, A= Absent, S= Soft L= Liquid, B= Bloody	Surgical Site Codes: N = normal A = Abnormal (describe)	Other Codes: B(Q)AR = Bright (Quiet), Alert, Responsive
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Pain Score Evaluation Chart

Pain Score	Observations	Recommendations
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Asleep or awake, normal amount of movement. •Normal appearance & behavior •Heart rate and respiratory rate are normal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Analgesics may not be indicated.
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mild agitation, depressed and uninterested in surroundings, frequent position changes or reluctance to move •Mild changes in appearance, eyes partially closed •Decreased interaction •Heart and respiratory rate up to 30 % above normal •Observable injury causing altered postures or movements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provide analgesics as described in the ACUC protocol or per ARP Veterinarian. •For this level of pain, drugs in the anti-inflammatory class may be sufficient to relieve discomfort. (carprofen, ketoprofen, etc.)
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Moderate agitation, restless and uncomfortable •Moderate changes in appearance, eyes sunken or glazed, unthrifty •Moderate changes in behavior, less mobile and less alert, unaware of surroundings, reluctance to move but will if coaxed •Heart rate and respiratory rate 30-45 % above normal • For NHPs- hunched posture/ leaning onto enclosure/ other unusual or unexpected behaviors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provide analgesics as described in the ACUC protocol or per ARP Veterinarian. •For this level of pain, drugs in the Opioid agonist-antagonist class may be sufficient to relieve discomfort. (ex : buprenorphine, butorphanol) •For additional analgesia, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (carprofen, ketoprofen) can be administered with an opioid agonist-antagonist. <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• CONTACT ARP VETERINARIAN
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Extremely agitated, thrashing •Severe changes in appearance, eyes pale, enlarged pupils, guarding, hunched up appearance. legs in abnormal position, teeth grinding •Heart and respiratory rate greater than 45 % above normal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provide analgesics as described in the ACUC protocol. •For this level of pain, drugs in the opioid agonist class may be sufficient to relieve discomfort. (ex : morphine, hydromorphone) •For additional analgesia, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories (ex : carprofen, ketoprofen) can be administered with an opioid agonist. •Increase dose or frequency if pain continues. •If signs of anxiety are present administer a sedative. (ex : diazepam,acepromazine) <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• CONTACT ARP VETERINARIAN

*Disclaimer: These are general guidelines describing criteria for assessing pain and recommendations for analgesia to alleviate the observed level of pain. It should be recognized that criteria indicative of pain will vary according to species and that there may be experimental contraindications associated with the recommended analgesics. Please consult the ARP veterinarians for specific drug dosages and combinations.

** REFER TO BACK SIDE OF FORM FOR APPETITE, STOOL, SURGICAL SITE, & OTHER CODES

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