



Pet's Quality of Life Scale

When evaluating your pet's quality of life, both patient and family information is important when reaching an informed and supported choice that fits your pet's medical condition, as well as your wishes and expectations. Quality of life applies not only to the pet, but to you and your family as well.

Score each subsection on a scale of 0-3:

0 = agree with statement (does describe my pet)

1 = occasionally describes my pet: have seen my pet doing/experiencing example, but mostly does not describe my pet

2 = some changes seen: sometimes describes my pet

3 = disagree with statement: does not describe my pet

Mental Health

Interacts normally with family or other pets (no increased aggression, etc) _____

Desire to be with family has not changed _____

Enjoys normal play activities _____

Does not seem confused or apathetic _____

No outward signs of stress/anxiety _____

Nighttime activity is normal, no changes seen _____

Physical Health

No changes in breathing/panting patterns _____

No outward signs of pain (Ex: excessive panting, pacing, whining, unwilling to move, etc) _____

Natural Functions

Appetite has stayed the same _____

Drinking has stayed the same _____

Normal urination habits _____

Normal bowel movement habits _____

Ability to ambulate (walk around) has stayed the same _____

Can stand without assistance _____

0-8: Quality of life for your pet is most likely adequate: you have few concerns at this time. No medical intervention is required at this point, but let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding your pet's future.

9-16: You are starting to see signs of diminishing quality of life in your pet; medical assistance is suggested to help you deal with these changes.

17-24: Quality of life is questionable and medical intervention is recommended. Your pet would certainly benefit from veterinary oversight and guidance to evaluate your pet's disease process and outlook.

25-42: Quality of life is a definite concern. At this time changes will likely become more progressive and severe in the near future. Veterinary guidance will help you better understand the end stages of your pet's condition in order to make an informed decision of whether to continue hospice care or elect peaceful euthanasia.

We are so sorry you are going through this process, and please call the office if you have any further questions or concerns



Family's Concerns

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Score each subsection on a scale of 0-3:

0 = I am not concerned at this time

1 = I have a few concerns and/or questions

2 = I have several concerns and questions

3 = I am very concerned about this

I am concerned about the following:

Pet suffering _____

Ability to perform nursing care for pet _____

Desire to perform nursing care for pet _____

Understanding of current medical diagnosis/conditions of pet _____

Pet passing alone _____

Not knowing the right time to euthanize _____

Concern for other pets _____

Concern for other members of family _____

Coping with loss _____

0-4: Your concerns are minimal at this time. You have either accepted what lies ahead, or have not yet given it much thought. If you have not yet considered these things, now is the time to start considering your concerns and limitations.

5-9: You have some concerns at this time. Begin your search for information by educating yourself on your pet's condition, to ensure you are prepared for the emotional changes ahead. We may be able to offer suggestions or further information at this time to help you in your search.

10-17: Your concerns are mounting. If you have not already, now is the time to educate yourself on your pet's condition. Veterinary guidance is recommended to evaluate your pet's disease process and the path ahead for both you and your pet, to ensure you are prepared for the changes ahead.

18-27: Although you may not place much value on your own quality of life, you have several valid concerns about the changes in your pet. Now is the time to prepare yourself for the inevitable, and build a support system around yourself.

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