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### Quality Of Life Scale

We understand that the decision to euthanize a pet is never easy and wish to help you in this difficult process. Many people anguish over the level of care they are able to provide, and whether the decision to euthanize was made too soon or too late. Euthanasia is a gift when used appropriately to prevent further physical suffering of your pet, and emotional suffering for you and your family. Every owner is different, and for that reason they are entitled to their own thoughts and beliefs. You know your pet better than anyone, and so this scale is designed to help you in that process and ensure that all parties involved are in agreement as to the care of your companion. Our doctors can do exams to help you make an appropriate decision for your pet, and we will support you with whatever choice you decide to make.

Score:	Criteria: Pet caregivers can use this scale to score their pets status when considering euthanasia. 0= Unacceptable, 10= Normal. Consider having multiple household members fill this out and compare your ratings.
	<b>Pain:</b> How well is their pain managed? Are you able to manage? <i>0= Unable to manage 10= Well controlled</i>
	<b>Appetite:</b> How well is your pet eating? Are you hand feeding? Is tube feeding required? Or is your pet eating on their own? <i>0= Not eating 10= Eating normally</i>
	<b>Hydration:</b> How well is your pet drinking? Do you need to give fluids under the skin? Or is your pet drinking too much? <i>0= Not drinking, or drinking in excess 10= Drinking normally</i>
	<b>Hygiene:</b> Is your pet able to groom themselves? Is your pet getting pressure sores or urine scalding? <i>0= Not grooming/bed sores/urine scalding 10= Able to groom</i>
	<b>Mobility:</b> Can your pet get up without assistance? Do they go out for walks or play? Does your pet fall over sometimes when walking? <i>0= Unable to walk 10= Normal mobility</i>
	<b>Happiness:</b> Do you think your pet is happy? Do they express joy? Are they doing activities they enjoy? Do they greet you when you come home? <i>0= Does not seem happy 10= Happy, has that 'light' in their eyes</i>
	<b>Good Days vs Bad Days:</b> Are there more bad days than good days? <i>0= Mostly bad days 10= All good days</i>
Total:	

A score greater than 35 indicates an acceptable quality of life for most pets, but this is only a guideline to help you make a more informed decision about your pets care. Consider filling this out weekly, monthly, or as often as needed.