



Quality of Life Scale

Pet caregivers can use this Quality of Life Scale to determine the success of pet hospice care. Using a scale for 1(poor) to 10(best), patients can be evaluated and scored daily.

Hurt :

Adequate pain control, including breathing ability, is first and foremost on scale. Is the pet's pain successfully managed? Is oxygen necessary?

SCORE_____

Hunger:

Is the pet eating enough? Does hand feeding help? Does the patient require a feeding tube? Is pet interested in food?

SCORE_____

Hydration:

Is the patient hydrated? Does pet get up and go to water bowl or do you have to assist pet to water?

SCORE_____

Hygiene:

Is the pet able to do routine grooming? Is pet able to get outside or is he/she having accidents on themselves? Are bed sores/pressure sores present?

SCORE_____

Happiness:

Does the pet express joy and interest? Is he/she responsive to things around him/her (family, favorite toy, etc.) Is the pet bored, lonely, depressed, anxious, afraid, etc? Can the pet's bed be close to family activities or is it isolated?

SCORE_____

Mobility:

Can the patient get up without assistance? Does the pet need human or mechanical help to get around (ie. Cart)? Does he/she get excited or want to go on walks? Is he/she having any seizures or stumbling episodes?

SCORE_____

More good days than bad:

When bad days outnumber the good then quality of life might be too compromised. When a healthy human-animal bond is no longer possible, the caregiver must be made aware that the end is near. The decision needs to be made if the pet is suffering. If death comes peacefully and painlessly, that is OK.

SCORE_____

TOTAL:_____

Acceptable

70

35

Unacceptable

0