

Pet Quality of Life Scale

This scale was adapted from Dr. Alice Villalobos's book Canine and Feline Geriatric Oncology, Honoring the Human-Animal Bond.

This rating scale is meant to assist caretakers and veterinary staff in deciding the best treatments for the pet as well as their effectiveness in maintaining the pet's comfort.

****Rate the pet in the following areas on a scale of 1-10,
with 10 being the best score****

HURT: *Is the pet experiencing pain? If so, can that pain be managed?*

HUNGER: *Is the pet eating enough to maintain weight?*

HYGIENE: *Can the pet be kept clean?*

HYDRATION: *Is the pet drinking enough, or are additional fluids needed?*

HAPPINESS: *Does the pet have enjoyable experiences on a daily basis?*

MOBILITY: *Is the pet able to move on its own or with assistance?*

MORE GOOD DAYS THAN BAD: *A bad day is filled with undesirable experiences, which may include depression, vomiting, nausea, diarrhea, frustration, falling down, seizures, or unmanageable symptoms.*

Dates:

HURT							
HUNGER							
HYDRATION							
HYGIENE							
HAPPINESS							
MOBILITY							
MORE GOOD DAYS THAN BAD							

Over 5 is acceptable in each category. A total of 35 points or less is when quality of life should start to be questioned and euthanasia begun to be considered.