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*Small Animals Seen by Appointment*



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At times it may be difficult to judge your pet's well-being; particularly when a pet is part of your family, emotions may make it more challenging to objectively assess quality of life. This assessment is provided as a tool to help evaluate your pet's well-being. Generally, we prefer to see your pet scoring at least 5 (adequate) in each category to believe that we are adequately maintaining his or her quality of life.

## QUALITY OF LIFE ASSESSMENT

<b>Scoring:</b> 0-1/Poor 2-4/Fair 5-6/Adequate 7-8/Good 9-10/Excellent		
<b>Category</b>		<b>Score</b>
<b>Pain</b>	Is your pet comfortable? Is pain management adequate?	
<b>Appetite</b>	Is your pet taking in food adequately? Is body weight being maintained?	
<b>Hydration</b>	Is your pet drinking adequately? Are hydration needs met with supplemental fluids?	
<b>Vomiting</b>	Is your pet keeping food down? Is any vomiting controlled with medication?	
<b>Defecation</b>	Is your pet having bowel movements regularly? Is any diarrhea or constipation controlled?	
<b>Hygiene</b>	Is your pet maintained as clean and dry? Are wounds, tumors, or any areas of discharge or urine/fecal elimination kept clean so that urine scald or skin problems do not occur?	
<b>Respiration</b>	Can your pet breathe without difficulty? Are oxygen levels maintained adequately? Is any coughing controlled with medication?	
<b>Mobility</b>	Can your pet rise without help? Does your pet show interest in walking? Is your pet given the opportunity for daily exercise?	
<b>Attitude</b>	Does your pet express interest in his or her surroundings? Does your pet interact normally with other pets and people? Does your pet express happiness and contentment?	
<b>Overall</b>	Does your pet have more good days than bad?	
<b>Total Score</b>	50 or less = poor quality of life Greater than 50 = reasonable quality of life	