

Quality of Life Scale

HURT

SCORE

Is your pet in pain? Is there adequate control, as well as breathing ability? Is your pet's pain being managed?

HUNGER

SCORE

Is your pet eating enough? Is hand feeding required? Is a feeding tube required?

HYDRATION

SCORE

Is your pet drinking enough? Are they hydrated? Are subcutaneous fluids needed to keep hydrated?

HYGIENE

SCORE

Are they grooming? If not are you able to keep them clean? Avoid pressure sores and keep all wounds dry and clean.

HAPPINESS

SCORE

Does your pet express joy and interest? Still showing interest in things around them? (Family toys, affection, etc.) Is your pet depressed, lonely, anxious or bored? Is your pet's bed close to family and not isolated?

MOBILITY

SCORE

Can your pet get up on their own? Do they feel like going for walks? Are they having seizures or stumbling?

MORE GOOD DAYS THAN BAD

SCORE

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

Uses this duality of life scale determine the success of per hospice care. Using a scale of I (poor) to 10 (best).

SCORE

UNACCEPTABLE
Score 35 or Lower

ACCEPTABLE
Score 36 or Higher