**Appendix 2 - The 4A-VET pain scale**

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| Parameter | Definition | Score |
| Global subjective appreciation | No pain  Light to moderate pain  Moderate to severe pain  Intolerable pain | 0  1  2  3 |
| General attitude | Among the following clinical signs, how many are present?  Respiratory modification, moaning, hunched back, stays immobile in antalgic posture, animal agitated or depressed, appetite decreased, and looks at, gnaws or licks wound |  |
|  | No sign present  1 sign only  2 to 4 signs present  5 and more are present | 0  1  2  3 |
| Interactive behavior | Animal is alert and responds to voice and touch  Responds timidly  Does not respond immediately  Does not respond or responds with aggressiveness | 0  1  2  3 |
| Gait evaluation | Normal use of limb  Limping but limb is used when walking  Limb used only at rest  No use of limb | 0  1  2  3 |
| Reaction to the surgical wound palpation | No visible or audible reaction after 4 palpations  Visible or audible reaction at the 4th palpation  Visible or audible reaction at the 2nd and 3rd palpation  Visible or audible reaction at the 1st palpation | 0  1  2  3 |
| Intensity of the reaction | No response  Answers slightly, tries to withdraw itself  Turns the head or vocalizes  Animal tries to flee or attack or is not assessable | 0  1  2  3 |

**TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / 18**