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Pet Quality of Life Scale

When evaluating the quality of life of your pet, personalized patient and family information is important when reaching an educated, informed ,and supported choice that fits not only your pet's medical condition, but also your wishes and expectations. In short, quality of life applies not only to the pet, it applies to you too!

Score each subsection on a scale of 0-2
0= Agree with statement
1= Some changes seen
2= Disagree with statement (does not describe my pet)

Social Functions	Health
_____Desire to be with the family has not changed	_____ No changes in breathing or panting patterns
_____ Interacts normally with family or pets (i.e. no increased aggression or other changes)	_____ No outward signs of pain (excessive panting, pacing, and whining are most commonly seen)
	_____ No pacing around the house
	_____ My pets overall condition has not changed recently

Mental Health	Natural Functions
_____ Enjoys normal play activities	_____ Appetite has stayed the same
_____ Still dislikes same thing (i.e. still hates the mailman =0, or doesn't bark at the mailman anymore =2)	_____ Drinking has stayed the same
_____No outward signs of stress or anxiety	_____ Normal urination habits
_____ Does not seem confused or apathetic	_____ Normal bowel movement habits
_____ Nighttime activity is normal, no changes seen	_____Ability to ambulate (walk around) has stayed the same

Results
_____ Total score added from each section

0-8: Quality of life is most likely adequate. No medical intervention is required yet, but guidance may help you identify signs to look for in the future.
9-16: Quality of life is questionable and medical intervention is suggested. Your pet would certainly benefit from veterinary oversight and guidance to evaluate the disease process he/she is experiencing.
17-32: Quality of life is a definite concern. Changes will likely become more progressive and more severe in the near future. Veterinary guidance will help you better understand the end stages of your pet's disease process in order to make a more informed decision of whether to continue hospice care or elect peaceful euthanasia.