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Grade 1	Sound at walk but weight shifting and mild lameness noted at trot
Grade 2	Mild weight bearing lameness noted with the trained eye
Grade 3	Weight bearing lameness, typically with distinct "head bob"
Grade 4	Significant weight bearing lameness
Grade 5	Toe touching lameness
Grade 6	Non weight bearing lameness

Note: Grades 2-6 can be observed at walk and trot

If not appropriate to ask your pet to trot, don't (i.e. immediately post surgical)

**Visual Analogue Scale**

**Source unknown**

0		No pain
1		Very slight discomfort, no abnormal gait/posture
2		Slightly more discomfort, but doesn't interfere with any normal activities
3		uncomfortable. Occasionally distracts pet from normal activity
4		Mild pain. Decreased activity. Scratches or licks sore area. Mild lameness/change in posture
5		Pain interfering with pet's normal activity. Noticeable limping. Still able to get up and move around
6		Moderate pain. Pet is less interactive with owner. May snap if someone gets too close
7		Pet may be unable or unwilling to walk, may have increased respiratory and heart rate at rest, and may have decreased interest in food
8		Severe pain. Pet is depressed, not eating and has difficulty getting comfortable for sleep. When awake may be agitated.
9		Severe, traumatic, surgical level pain. Difficult to approach without aggression, excessively shy about being handled, unable to get comfortable and may be intermittently vocal
10		Most severe pain imaginable. Vocal and thrashing. Likely aggressive