

Appendix 1

Simple descriptive scale for sedation

Score	Classification	Descriptors
0	No sedation	Cat bright, alert, responsive, moving around
1	Mild sedation	Cat relaxed, but can be roused and can walk with little or no ataxia
2	Moderate sedation	Cat in sternal or lateral recumbency, but can be roused, obvious signs of ataxia
3	Profound sedation	Cat recumbent and no response to stimulation

Appendix 2

Simple descriptive scale for ease of intravenous catheter placement after premedication

Score	Classification	Descriptors
0	Very difficult	Impossible to perform IV catheterisation or cat requires a lot of restraint, multiple attempts required
1	Difficult	Cat requires good restraint, trying to move
2	Easy	Minimal restraint required
3	Very easy	Cat recumbent and not responding to stimulation

Appendix 3

Simple descriptive scale for recovery after general anaesthesia

Score	Classification	Descriptors
0	Poor	Cat shows major signs of excitement during recovery to sternal recumbency such as thrashing in the cage or moving around rapidly unaware of surroundings, growling; does not respond to gentle handling
1	Moderate	Cat shows some signs of excitement during recovery to sternal recumbency such as thrashing in cage or moving around rapidly unaware of surroundings, growling; responds to gentle

		handling by calming down
2	Good	Mild signs of excitement such as growling which resolve quickly so that the animal becomes calm
3	Excellent	Cat is calm and relaxed during recovery