

Appendix 2: Stress Score (adapted from McCune 1994)		
Score		Description
1	Fully Relaxed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body laid on side or back • Belly exposed and slow ventilation • Legs fully extended • Tail extended or loosely wrapped • Head laid on the surface with chin upwards or on the surface • Eyes closed or half open and may be blinking slowly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils normal • Ears half back (normal) • Whiskers lateral (normal) • No vocalization • Sleeping or resting
2	Weakly relaxed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body laid ventrally or half on side, sitting, standing or moving with back horizontal • Belly exposed or not exposed and slow or normal ventilation • Legs bent, hind legs may be laid out, and legs extended when standing • Tail extended or loosely wrapped and tail may also be up or loosely downwards • Head laid on the surface or over body and some movement • Eyes closed, half opened, or normally opened <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils normal • Ears half back or erected to front • Whiskers lateral or forward • No vocalization • Sleeping, resting, alert or active, and may be playing
3	Weakly tense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body laid ventrally, sitting, standing or moving, and back horizontal • Belly not exposed and normal ventilation • Legs bent and legs extended when standing • Tail on the body or curved backwards, up or tense downwards, and may be twitching • Head over the body and some movement • Eyes normal opened <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils normal • Ears half back (normal), erected to front, or back and forward on head • Whiskers lateral (normal) or forward • Meowing or quiet • Resting, awake, or actively exploring
4	Very Tense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body laid ventrally, rolled or sitting, standing or moving, and body behind lower than in front Belly not exposed and normal ventilation • Legs bent, hind legs bent when standing, and extended in front • Tail close to the body, tense downwards or curled forward, and may be twitching • Head over the body or pressed to body and little or no movement • Eyes widely opened or pressed together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils normal or partially dilated • Ears erected to front or back, or back and forward on head • Whiskers lateral or forward • Meow, plaintive meow, or quiet • Cramped sleeping, resting or alert, may be actively exploring, and trying to escape
5	Fearful, stiff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body laid ventrally, sitting, standing or moving, and body behind lower than in front • Belly not exposed and normal or fast ventilation • Legs bent or bent near to surface • Tail close to the body, curled forward • Head on the plane of the body and less or no movement • Eyes widely opened <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils dilated • Ears partially flattened • Whiskers lateral, forward, or back • Plaintive meow or yowling, growling, or quiet • Alert and may be actively trying to escape
6	Very fearful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body laid ventrally or crouched directly on top of all paws, may be shaking, and whole body near to ground • Belly not exposed and fast ventilation • Legs bent or bent near to surface • Tail close to the body and curled forward close to the body • Head near to surface and motionless • Eyes fully opened <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils fully dilated • Ears fully flattened • Whiskers back • Plaintive meow, yowling, growling, or quiet • Motionless alert or actively prowling

7	Terrorized	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Body crouched directly on all fours and shaking• Belly not exposed and fast ventilation• Legs bent• Tail close to the body• Head lower than the body and motionless• Eyes fully opened	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pupils fully dilated• Ears fully flattened back on head• Whiskers back• Plaintive meow, yowling, growling, or quiet• Motionless alert
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