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

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| Parameter | Definition  | Score |
| Global subjective appreciation  | No pain Light to moderate painModerate to severe pain Intolerable pain | 0123 |
| 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 present1 sign only2 to 4 signs present5 and more are present | 0123 |
| Interactive behavior | Animal is alert and responds to voice and touchResponds timidlyDoes not respond immediatelyDoes not respond or responds with aggressiveness | 0123 |
| Gait evaluation | Normal use of limbLimping but limb is used when walkingLimb used only at restNo use of limb | 0123 |
| Reaction to the surgical wound palpation  | No visible or audible reaction after 4 palpationsVisible or audible reaction at the 4th palpationVisible or audible reaction at the 2nd and 3rd palpationVisible or audible reaction at the 1st palpation | 0123 |
| Intensity of the reaction  | No responseAnswers slightly, tries to withdraw itselfTurns the head or vocalizesAnimal tries to flee or attack or is not assessable | 0123 |

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