



# Feline Musculoskeletal Pain Index

## NC State Comparative Pain Research Program

**Owner's Name:**

**Cat's Name:**

**Medications:**

**1. How is your cat's mobility in general?**

Very good  Good  Fair  Poor  Very poor

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**2. How does your cat move?**

No stiffness or limping  Mild stiffness or limping  Moderate stiffness or limping  Severe stiffness or limping  Extreme stiffness or limping

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**3. What is your cat's ability to run?**

Normal  Not quite normal  Moderately worse than normal  Barely, or with great effort  Not at all

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**4. How easily does your cat jump UP?**

Easily and with no hesitation  With mild difficulty and/or hesitation  With moderate difficulty and/or hesitation  With severe difficulty and/or hesitation  With extreme difficulty and/or hesitation

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**5. How easily does your cat jump DOWN?**

Easily and with no hesitation  With mild difficulty and/or hesitation  With moderate difficulty and/or hesitation  With severe difficulty and/or hesitation  With extreme difficulty and/or hesitation

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**6. How well does your cat go UP stairs?**

- Easily and with no hesitation  With mild difficulty and/or hesitation  With moderate difficulty and/or hesitation  With severe difficulty and/or hesitation  With extreme difficulty and/or hesitation  Not applicable
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**7. How well does your cat go DOWN stairs?**

- Easily and with no hesitation  With mild difficulty and/or hesitation  With moderate difficulty and/or hesitation  With severe difficulty and/or hesitation  With extreme difficulty and/or hesitation  Not applicable
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**8. How does your cat interact with you and human family members?**

- Eagerly  Willingly  Reluctantly  Rarely  Never
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**9. How does your cat play and/or interact with other pets?**

- Eagerly  Willingly  Reluctantly  Rarely  Never  Not applicable
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**10. How easily does your cat get up from a resting position?**

- Easily  With mild difficulty and/or stiffness  With moderate difficulty and/or stiffness  With severe difficulty and/or stiffness  With extreme difficulty and/or stiffness
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**11. How does your cat like being touched and/or held?**

- Loves it  Accepts it willingly  Accepts it reluctantly  Rarely accepts it  Not at all
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**12. What is your cat's ability to groom himself or herself?**

- Normal  Not quite normal  Moderately worse than normal  Barely, or with great effort  Does not groom
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**13. How well does your cat jump UP to a 3-foot height?**

- Easily reaches jump  Struggles but always makes the jump  Struggles and occasionally misses  Struggles and generally misses the jump  Always misses, or is not possible
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**14. What is your cat's ability to stretch?**

- Normal  Not quite normal  Moderately worse than normal  Barely, or with great effort  Does not stretch
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**15. How much pain did your cat experience over the past week?**

- None  Mild  Moderate  Severe  Extreme
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**16. What is your cat's overall quality of life?**

- Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor  Very poor
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**17. How has your cat's happiness changed over the past week?**

- Much happier  Slightly happier  No change  Slightly more unhappy  Much more unhappy
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**18. Does your cat move stiffly or limp?**

- Yes  No
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**19. Does your cat prefer several small jumps to one big jump UP?**

- Yes  No
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**20. Does your cat hit his/her back legs on the object when jumping UP?**

- Yes  No

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**21. Does your cat reach towards the ground before jumping *DOWN* to shorten the distance?**

Yes  No

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**22. Any other comments? (Optional)**

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