

RESEARCH ANIMAL RESOURCES POST-OP CARE SHEET

PAIN/DISTRESS ASSESSMENT SCORING:

0 – Normal behavior and physiology

1 – Mild behavior and physiological changes (decreased food/water consumption, slightly depressed, minor guarding of incision site)

2 – Moderate pain (includes observations in group 1 plus swelling/redness/discharge at surgical site, reluctance to move, guarding with vocalization or aggression, teeth grinding)

3 – Severe pain/distress (includes all observations in group 1 and 2, plus immobility, dehiscence of incision, profound dehydration/weight loss)

4 – Moribund

POD: _____

Date: _____

Animal ID: _____

Species: _____

Location: _____

PI: _____

Protocol #: _____

Procedure: _____

Date of Operation: _____

Pre-op Weight (kg): _____

OBSERVATIONS	AM	MID-DAY	PM
Alert?			
Eating?			
Drinking?			
Urine?			
Feces?			
PHYSICAL EXAM			
Temperature			
Respiration			
Pulse			
Gait/posture			
Pain score			
SURGICAL INCISION			
Redness?			
Swelling?			
Exudate?			
SUPPORTIVE CARE			
Heat			
Fluids			
Enteral			
OTHER			
MEDICATIONS			
Drug 1 (mg) mL _____			
Drug 2 (mg) mL _____			
Drug 3 (mg) mL _____			
Drug 4 (mg) mL _____			
INITIALS & TIME			