

7.4 Sample – Toxicity scoring sheet

Date								
Person scoring								
Day post-surgery								
Weight								
% weight loss								
Activity								
Hunched posture								
Ruffled fur								
Rate of breathing								
Crusty eyes								
Shivering								
Diarrhea								
Rectal bleeding								
Rectal prolaps								
Provoked behavior								
Total score								

Scoring Details:

Symptom	Mild Symptoms
% weight loss	0 = none, 2 = 0 – 4%, 3 = 5 – 9%, 4 = 10 – 19%, 5 = 20%
Activity	1 = reduced; 3 = impaired; 5 = immobile
Hunched posture	1 = slightly abnormal; 3 = hunched over; 5 = not regaining normal posture
Ruffled fur	1 = slightly abnormal; 3 = ruffling of most fur
Rate of breathing	3 = slightly above or below normal; 5 = diminished rate of breathing
Crusty eyes	1 = small build up of excretion in eyes; 3 = excretion in both eyes; 5 = vision impaired
Shivering	1 = slightly abnormal, 3 = constant shivering
Diarrhea	3 = loose stools; 5 = stools have completely liquid consistency
Rectal bleeding	3 = some blood in stool on close inspection; 5 = clear bleeding from rectum
Rectal prolaps	3 = rectum threatening to prolapsed on defecation; 5 = permanent prolaps
Provoked behaviour	0 = active avoidance; 2 = slightly decreased response; 5 = no response

1. Animals with a score of less than or equal to 2 will be monitored daily.
2. Animals that reach a score of 3 will be monitored at least twice daily.
3. Animals that reach a score of 4 require immediate intervention or euthanasia as recommended.
4. Animals that reach a score of 5 or more require immediate euthanasia.