

POTENTIAL SIGNS ASSOCIATED WITH PAIN OR DISTRESS IN RODENTS

What to look for:	Mice	Rats
Decreased Food and Water Consumption	X	X
Weight loss	X	X
Self-imposed isolation/hiding	X	X
Self-mutilation, gnawing at limbs	X	X
Rapid Breathing	X	X
Opened-Mouth Breathing	X	X
Abdominal Breathing	X	X
Grinding Teeth		X
Biting/Growling/Aggression		X
Increased/Decreased Movement	X	X
Unkempt Appearance (Erected, Matted, or Dull Haircoat)	X	X
Abnormal Posture/Positioning (e.g., head-pressing, Hunched Back)	X	X
Tearing (including Porphyria), Lack of Blinking Reflex		X
Muscle Rigidity, Lack of Muscle Tone	X	X
Dehydration/Skin Tenting/Sunken Eyes	X	X
Twitching, trembling, tremor	X	X
Vocalization (Rare)	X	X
Redness or Swelling Around Surgical Site	X	X