

Appendix 1

Owner questionnaire (Information about the last 4 weeks)	Scoring system
1) Drinking. Do you think your dog has drunk:-:	Score
a) less than normal	PI
b) normal	1
c) more than is normal (for example 1-2 times normal)	3
d) very much more than is normal	4

2) Urinating. Do you think that the volume or frequency of urination is:	Score
a) less than normal	PI
b) normal	1
c) more than is normal (for example 1-2 times normal)	3
d) very much more than is normal	4

3) Appetite. Would you describe your dog's appetite as:-:	Score
a) very poor (i.e. not eating at all or hardly eating)	PI
b) poor (i.e. does eat some food but requires encouragement)	PI
c) normal	1
d) increased (e.g. eats all food quickly and will look for more)	3
e) greatly increased (e.g. seems ravenously hungry all the time)	4

4) Vomiting and Diarrhoea. How often has your dog had sickness and diarrhoea ?	Score
a) never had sickness or diarrhoea	0
b) has had sickness or diarrhoea once	0
c) has had sickness or diarrhoea more than once but not every day	PI
d) has had sickness or diarrhoea every day	PI

5) Exercise. How active is your dog ?	Score
a) Lays in one place nearly all of the time	4/PI
b) Goes for walks and will also play on occasions	3
c) Very active, happy to run off the lead but does get tired	2
d) I cannot tire my dog out!	1

6) Skin and Coat. How would you describe your dog's coat and skin condition?	Score
a) very poor (e.g. thin coat, bald patches, very dull)	4
b) poor (e.g. slightly thin coat, hairs dull,)	3
c) reasonable (e.g. no bald patches, slightly dull)	2
d) very good (e.g. thick coat, shiny, no dandruff)	1

7) Other problems. Does your dog have any of the following ?	Score
a) Trembling/shaking/muscle twitches more than once a week	PI
b) Persistent panting even at rest	3
c) Pain (anywhere)	PI
d) Difficulty moving	PI
e) Mental depression	PI

8) General. How do you feel your pet enjoys life	Score
a) Miserable more of the time	PI
b) Has more bad days than good days	0
c) Happy most of the time occasional bad days	0
d) Happy all of the time	0

9) Overall. How good do you feel your dogs current treatment for Cushing's is?	Score
a) My dog has more clinical signs than before treatment	5/PI
b) There is no difference now than before treatment	4
c) There is some improvement since starting treatment	3
d) My dog is nearly back to their normal self	2
e) If I did not know, I would think there was nothing wrong with my dog now	1

PI= Possible illness- If answer 3 or more answers given then dog classified as unwell.