

# Physical Status Scale

## ASA I

Minimal Risk: Normal healthy animal, no underlying disease.

## Veterinary Examples

young castrations, ovariohysterectomy, dental prophylaxis

## ASA II

Slight Risk: Animals with slight to mild systemic disturbance, animal able to compensate.

neonates or geriatrics, obesity, mild cardiac valve insufficiency, brachycephalic breeds, controlled diabetes

## ASA III

Moderate Risk: Animals with moderate systemic disease or disturbances, mild clinical signs.

anaemia, moderate dehydration, pyrexia, low grade heart murmurs/cardiac disease, pulmonary contusions, uncontrolled diabetes

## ASA IV

High Risk: Animals with pre-existing systemic disease or disturbances or a severe nature. Surgery may preserve life.

sepsis, uncompensated heart disease, diabetes, pulmonary disease, emaciation, hemoabdomen, liver failure

## ASA V

Extreme Risk: Animals with life threatening systemic disease. Grave chance of survival without surgery.

end stage/multiple organ failure, profound shock, severe trauma, massive haemorrhage, GDV

**"E" denotes an Emergency**