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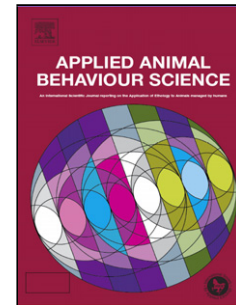
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Highlights:

- A pain scale (MI-CAT(C)) was developed for owners of osteoarthritic cats.
- It was used with locomotor activity monitoring to assess meloxicam-treated OA cats.
- Total scale intra-rater reliability, based on the primary owner, was excellent.
- Scores fell with meloxicam and with higher locomotor activity, and rose with age.
- Preliminary findings support the MI-CAT(C)'s reliability and validity in OA cats.

Abstract

Challenges in the clinical assessment of feline osteoarthritis (OA)-related pain and disability impede diagnosis and treatment of the disease. A pain scale was developed for use by cat owners and caretakers,

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