

Table 1. Classification of Dogs with Thoracolumbar Disk Disease

Group 1. Hyperesthesia with no neurologic deficits

Group 2. Ambulatory paraparesis (incomplete loss of voluntary motor function in the pelvic limbs). Urinary/ fecal continence and pain sensation are intact.

Group 3. Nonambulatory paraparesis. Urinary/fecal continence and pain sensation are intact.

Group 4. Paraplegia (complete loss of voluntary motor function in the pelvic limbs). Urinary/fecal continence is generally lost and pain sensation is intact.

Group 5. Paraplegia with loss of urinary/fecal continence and pain sensation.

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