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SCORE	CLINICAL SIGNS
<b>0</b>	No disease, no obvious changes in motor function.
<b>1</b>	Lack of tail tone (flaccid tail) but normal gait and ability to climb.
<b>2</b>	Limp tail and mild hind limb weakness. May have difficulty grasping or climbing up from underside of a cage cover grid, may misstep on the top of a cage cover. Animals may appear ataxic or clumsy, balance is poor. Animals exhibit poor righting reflex.
<b>3</b>	Severe hind limb weakness/partial hind limb paralysis. May drag hind limbs. Occasional urinary retention. The animal is not able to hang on underside of a cage cover, but still moves spontaneously.

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4.2. Recommended intervention points:

- 4.2.1. Weight loss exceeding 15% of baseline bodyweight.
- 4.2.2. Body condition score (BCS) less than 3.
- 4.2.3. Moderate dehydration.
- 4.2.4. Score of 0 or 1: No treatment required.
- 4.2.5. Score of 2, 3, or 4: Provide wet food at the bottom of the cage and ready-to-use nesting material. Consider using a soft bedding, e.g., Envigo Teklad Diamond Soft cellulose bedding. If urinary retention is present