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Table 1. Scoring system used to assess the quality of anaesthetic induction, maintenance and recovery in Mute Swans following the intravenous administration of either 10 mg kg⁻¹ alfaxalone or 0.28 mg kg⁻¹ xylazine/12.5 mg kg⁻¹ ketamine and subsequent administration of isoflurane in oxygen.

Score	Quality	Anaesthesia	Recovery
5	Excellent	Smooth induction, good muscle relaxation, physiological variables stable	Smooth, calm recovery, standing at first attempt
4	Very good	Smooth induction, some muscle tension during procedure but physiological variables stable	Smooth, calm recovery, mild ataxia when attempting to stand
3	Good	Minor agitation on induction, muscle tension during procedure, physiological variables stable but higher concentration isoflurane required	Some wing movements or ataxia but no manual restraint required
2	Poor	Agitated induction, muscle tension during procedure, transient apnoea post induction, transient manual ventilation required	Moderate wing flapping, disorientation, manual restraint required
1	Very poor	Agitated induction, poor muscle relaxation, prolonged apnoea following induction, manual ventilation required	Violent wing flapping, rolling or ataxia, manual restraint required