

Body Condition Score

CAT

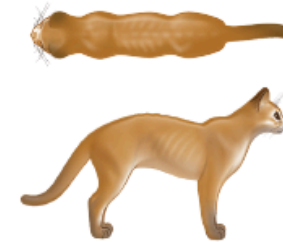
TOO THIN



- 1**
- Ribs, spine and pelvic bones easily visible on shorthaired cats
 - Very narrow waist
 - Small amount of muscle
 - No palpable fat on the rib cage
 - Severe abdominal tuck



- 2**
- Ribs easily visible on shorthaired cats
 - Very narrow waist
 - Loss of muscle mass
 - No palpable fat on the rib cage
 - Very pronounced abdominal tuck



- 3**
- Ribs visible on shorthaired cats
 - Obvious waist
 - Very small amount of abdominal fat
 - Marked abdominal tuck

IDEAL



- 4**
- Ribs not visible but are easily palpable
 - Obvious waist
 - Minimal amount of abdominal fat



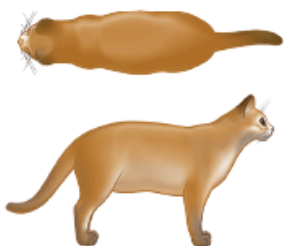
- 5**
- Well proportioned
 - Ribs not visible but are easily palpable
 - Obvious waist
 - Small amount of abdominal fat
 - Slight abdominal tuck



- 6**
- Ribs not visible but palpable
 - Waist not clearly defined when seen from above
 - Very slight abdominal tuck

ABOVE IDEAL

OVERWEIGHT

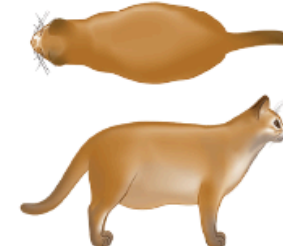


- 7**
- Ribs difficult to palpate under the fat
 - Waist barely visible
 - No abdominal tuck
 - Rounding of abdomen with moderate abdominal pad



- 8**
- Ribs not palpable under the fat
 - Waist not visible
 - Slight abdominal distension

OBESE



- 9**
- Ribs not palpable under a thick layer of fat
 - Waist absent
 - Obvious abdominal distension
 - Extensive abdominal fat deposits

Body Condition Score

TOY DOG

TOO THIN



- 1**
- Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, pelvic bones and all bony prominences evident from a distance
 - No discernible body fat
 - Obvious loss of muscle mass



- 2**
- Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, and pelvic bones easily visible
 - No palpable fat
 - Some bony prominences visible from a distance
 - Minimal loss of muscle mass



- 3**
- Ribs easily palpable and may be visible with no palpable fat
 - Tops of lumbar vertebrae visible, pelvic bones becoming prominent
 - Obvious waist and abdominal tuck

IDEAL



- 4**
- Ribs easily palpable with minimal fat covering
 - Waist easily noted when viewed from above
 - Abdominal tuck evident



- 5**
- Ribs palpable without excess fat covering
 - Waist observed behind ribs when viewed from above
 - Abdomen tucked up when viewed from side



- 6**
- Ribs palpable with slight excess of fat covering
 - Waist is discernible when viewed from above but is not prominent
 - Abdominal tuck apparent

ABOVE IDEAL

OVERWEIGHT



- 7**
- Ribs palpable with difficulty, heavy fat cover
 - Noticeable fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail
 - Waist absent or barely visible
 - Abdominal tuck may be absent



- 8**
- Ribs not palpable under very heavy fat cover or palpable only with significant pressure
 - Heavy fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail
 - Waist absent
 - No abdominal tuck
 - Obvious abdominal distension may be present

OBESE



- 9**
- Massive fat deposits over thorax, spine, and base of tail
 - Waist and abdominal tuck absent
 - Fat deposits on neck and limbs
 - Obvious abdominal distension

Body Condition Score

SMALL DOG

TOO THIN



- 1**
- Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, pelvic bones and all bony prominences evident from a distance
 - No discernible body fat
 - Obvious loss of muscle mass



- 2**
- Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, and pelvic bones easily visible
 - No palpable fat
 - Some bony prominences visible from a distance
 - Minimal loss of muscle mass



- 3**
- Ribs easily palpable and may be visible with no palpable fat
 - Tops of lumbar vertebrae visible, pelvic bones becoming prominent
 - Obvious waist and abdominal tuck

IDEAL



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 - Abdominal tuck evident



- 5**
- Ribs palpable without excess fat covering
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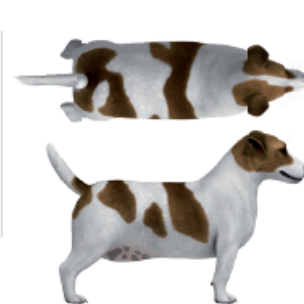


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 - Waist absent or barely visible
 - Abdominal tuck may be absent



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- Ribs not palpable under very heavy fat cover or palpable only with significant pressure
 - Heavy fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail
 - Waist absent
 - No abdominal tuck
 - Obvious abdominal distension may be present

OBESE



- 9**
- Massive fat deposits over thorax, spine, and base of tail
 - Waist and abdominal tuck absent
 - Fat deposits on neck and limbs
 - Obvious abdominal distension

Body Condition Score

MEDIUM DOG

TOO THIN



- 1**
- Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, pelvic bones and all bony prominences evident from a distance
 - No discernible body fat
 - Obvious loss of muscle mass



- 2**
- Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, and pelvic bones easily visible
 - No palpable fat
 - Some bony prominences visible from a distance
 - Minimal loss of muscle mass



- 3**
- Ribs easily palpable and may be visible with no palpable fat
 - Tops of lumbar vertebrae visible, pelvic bones becoming prominent
 - Obvious waist and abdominal tuck

IDEAL



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 - Waist easily noted when viewed from above
 - Abdominal tuck evident



- 5**
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 - Waist absent
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 - Obvious abdominal distension may be present

OBESE



- 9**
- Massive fat deposits over thorax, spine, and base of tail
 - Waist and abdominal tuck absent
 - Fat deposits on neck and limbs
 - Obvious abdominal distension

Body Condition Score

LARGE DOG

TOO THIN



- 1**
- Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, pelvic bones and all bony prominences evident from a distance
 - No discernible body fat
 - Obvious loss of muscle mass



- 2**
- Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, and pelvic bones easily visible
 - No palpable fat
 - Some bony prominences visible from a distance
 - Minimal loss of muscle mass



- 3**
- Ribs easily palpable and may be visible with no palpable fat
 - Tops of lumbar vertebrae visible, pelvic bones becoming prominent
 - Obvious waist and abdominal tuck

IDEAL



- 4**
- Ribs easily palpable with minimal fat covering
 - Waist easily noted when viewed from above
 - Abdominal tuck evident



- 5**
- Ribs palpable without excess fat covering
 - Waist observed behind ribs when viewed from above
 - Abdomen tucked up when viewed from side



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OBESE



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 - Waist and abdominal tuck absent
 - Fat deposits on neck and limbs
 - Obvious abdominal distension

Body Condition Score

GIANT DOG

TOO THIN



- 1**
- Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, pelvic bones and all bony prominences evident from a distance
 - No discernible body fat
 - Obvious loss of muscle mass



- 2**
- Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, and pelvic bones easily visible
 - No palpable fat
 - Some bony prominences visible from a distance
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- 3**
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 - Obvious waist and abdominal tuck

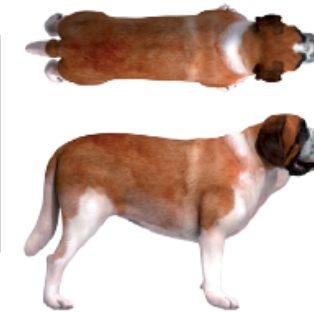
IDEAL



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- Ribs easily palpable with minimal fat covering
 - Waist easily noted when viewed from above
 - Abdominal tuck evident



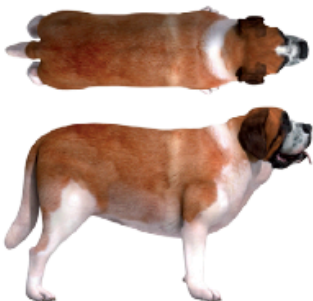
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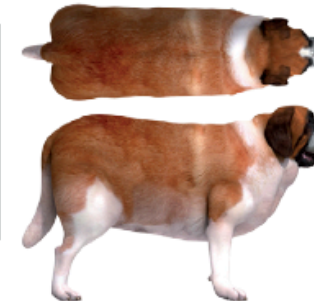


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