

Body Condition Score Chart

Score	What do you see and feel?	
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, pelvic bones and all bony prominences are evident from a distance• No discernible body fat• Obvious loss of muscle	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, pelvic bones easily visible• No palpable fat• Some bony prominences are visible from a distance• Minimal loss of muscle mass	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ribs easily palpable and may be visible with no palpable fat• Tops of lumbar vertebrae are visible and pelvic bones becoming prominent	
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ribs easily palpable with minimal fat covering.• Waist easily noted when viewed from above• Abdominal tuck evident	
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ribs palpable without excess fat covering• Waist observed behind the ribs when viewed from above• Abdomen tucked up when viewed from the side	
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ribs palpable with slight excess of fat covering• Waist is discernible when viewed from above but is not prominent• Abdominal tuck is apparent	
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ribs palpable with difficulty, heavy fat cover• Noticeable fat deposits over lumbar area and tail base• Waist absent or barely visible• Abdominal tuck may be absent	
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ribs not palpable under very heavy fat cover, or palpable only with significant pressure• Heavy fat deposits over lumbar area and tail base• Waist absent• No abdominal tuck.• Obvious abdominal distension may be present.	
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Massive fat deposits over thorax, spine and tail base• Waist and abdominal tuck not present• Fat deposits on neck and limbs• Obvious abdominal distension	