


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 boney 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 boney 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 	