

BODY CONDITION SCORE > SMALL DOG

TOO THIN



- 1**
- Ribs, spine and pelvic bones are clearly evident
 - No discernible body fat
 - Obvious loss of muscle mass



- 2**
- Ribs, spine and pelvic bones are easily visible
 - No palpable fat
 - Some bony prominences
 - Minimal loss of muscle mass



- 3**
- Ribs easily palpable and may be visible with no palpable fat
 - Tops of lumbar vertebrae visible and 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 the side

OVERWEIGHT



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

OBESE



- 7**
- Ribs barely palpable under thick layer of fat
 - Noticeable fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail
 - Waist absent or barely visible
 - Abdominal tuck may be absent



- 8**
- Ribs barely palpable under thick layer of fat, or palpable with significant pressure
 - Noticeable fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail
 - Waist absent
 - Abdominal tuck may be absent



- 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