

BODY CONDITION **SCORE CHARTS**

Medium, large and giant dog









BODY CONDITION SCORE - MEDIUM DOG



TOO THIN



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



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



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

IDEAL



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



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



OVERWEIGHT

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

OBESE



- 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



- 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



- 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



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BODY CONDITION SCORE - GIANT DOG



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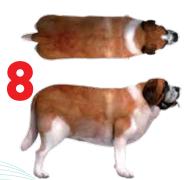
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