

BODY CONDITION SCORE CHARTS

Medium, large and giant dog



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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

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

OBESE

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

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

6



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

OBESE

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

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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

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 - 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
- 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

OVERWEIGHT

6

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

OBESE

7

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- Noticeable fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail
- Waist absent or barely visible
- Abdominal tuck may be absent

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- Waist absent
- No abdominal tuck
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- Fat deposits on neck and limbs
- Obvious abdominal distension

