

Body Condition Scoring



BC 1

Animal is emaciated

- Skeletal structure extremely prominent
- Little or no flesh cover
- Vertebrae, ribs, and pelvic bones distinctly segmented



BC 2

Animal is under-conditioned

- Segmentation of vertebral column evident
- Dorsal pelvic bones are readily palpable or observable



BC 3

Animal is well-conditioned

- Vertebrae and pelvis not prominent
- Ribs palpable under slight pressure



BC 4

Animal is over-conditioned

- Vertebrae palpable only under firm pressure
- Noticeable fat deposits over spine



BC 5

Animal is obese

- Animal is smooth and bulky, abdomen is distended
- Bone structure disappears under flesh and subcutaneous fat