

# 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