

BODY CONDITION SCORE CHART

	1. POOR (EMACIATED)	2. VERY THIN	3. THIN (UNDERWEIGHT)	4. MODERATELY THIN	5. MODERATE (IDEAL)	6. MODERATELY FLESHY	7. FLESHY (OVERWEIGHT)	8. FAT (OBESE)	9. EXTREMELY FAT (VERY OBESE)
A. NECK	Visible bone structure; no fat can be felt	Faintly visible bone structure	Neck accentuated	Neck not obviously thin; may have dip between withers and neck depending on conformation	Neck blends smoothly into body	Fat deposited along neck, especially crest	Fat deposited along neck, especially crest, with some widening at base of neck	Fat deposited along neck, especially crest; widening of neck	Large fat deposit along top (crest and neck); creases present
B. WITHERS	Visible bone structure	Faintly visible bone structure	Withers accentuated	Withers not obviously thin	Withers rounded over bony projections of vertebrae	Some fat covering	Fat deposited along withers	Area along withers filled with fat; either side of withers is soft	Bulging fat along withers
C. SHOULDER	Visible bone structure; no fat can be felt	Slight fat cover over shoulder	Shoulders accentuated	Shoulders not obviously thin	Shoulders blend smoothly into body	Some fat covering; point-of-shoulder no longer discernable	Fat deposited behind shoulders	Area behind shoulder filled with fat and flush with body	Bulging fat behind shoulders
D. RIBS	No fatty tissue can be felt; ribs projecting prominently	Slight fat between ribs; ribs projecting prominently	Slight fat cover over and between ribs; ribs are easily visible	Faint outline of ribs can be seen	Ribs not visibly seen; can be easily felt under slight fat covering	Fat covering on ribs feels spongy; Ribs are not seen but can be felt	Ribs not visible; filling between ribs; individual ribs can be felt	Ribs not visible; difficult to feel ribs individually	Rib fat appearing patchy or wavy; ribs difficult or impossible to feel
E. BACK/RUMP	Bony projection of vertebrae clearly seen; no fatty tissue felt	Slight fat cover covering the bony projection of vertebrae, but clearly seen	Spinous processes easily discernable but with some fat covering; Transverse processes no longer palpable	Spinal column protrudes with peaked appearance	Smooth, level back	Slight groove along the back	Groove down back	Visible crease down back	Obvious crease down back
F. TAILHEAD	Tailhead, hip joints and lower pelvic bones projecting prominently; no fatty tissue felt	Sacrum projecting prominently	Tailhead clearly seen but individual vertebrae cannot be felt	Tailhead prominence depends on conformation. Fat can be felt; hip joints are not discernable	Slight fat covering felt around tailhead	Tailhead begins to feel soft	Fat around tailhead is soft	Fat deposited around tailhead feels very soft	Bulging fat around tailhead

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