

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

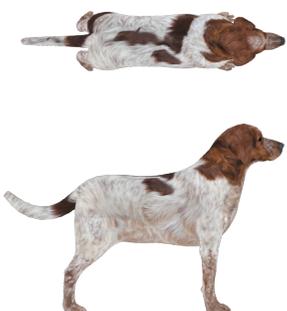


- 5**
- Ribs palpable without excess fat covering
 - Waist observed behind ribs when viewed from above
 - Abdomen tucked up when viewed from side

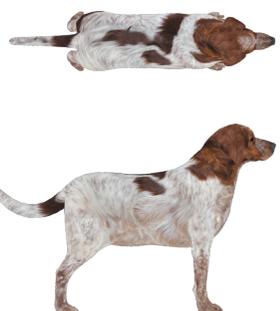


- 6**
- Ribs palpable with slight excess of fat covering
 - Waist is discernible when viewed from above but is not prominent
 - Abdominal tuck apparent

OVERWEIGHT



- 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

OBESE