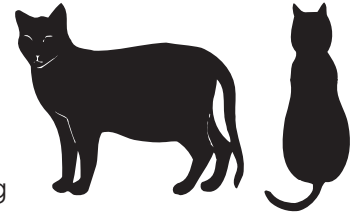


# Body Condition Scoring



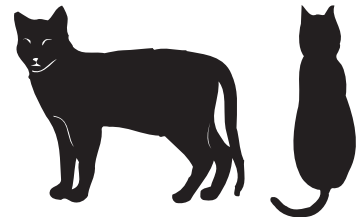
## 5 ... Obese Cat

- Ribs and backbone not easily palpable under a heavy fat covering
- Abdomen rounded; waist barely visible to absent
- Prominent abdominal folds that sway from side to side when walking



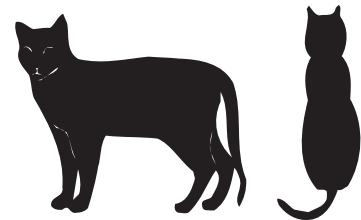
## 4 ... Overweight Cat

- Slight increase in fat over ribs, but still easily palpable
- Abdomen slightly rounded, flanks concave
- Abdominal folds hang down with moderate amount of fat - jiggle noted when walking



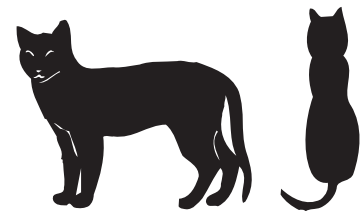
## 3 ... Ideal Cat

- Ribs palpable but not visible
- Slight waist observed behind ribs when viewed from above
- Abdomen tucked, flank folds present



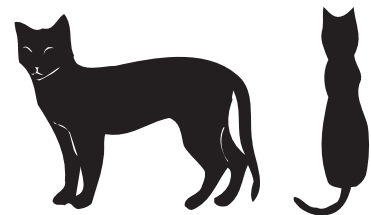
## 2 ... Lean Cat

- Backbone and ribs easily palpable
- Minimal fat covering
- Minimal waist when viewed from above
- Slightly tucked abdomen



## 1 ... Thin Cat

- Ribs, vertebrae and pelvic bones easily visible
- Thin neck and narrow waist
- Obvious abdominal tuck
- No fat in abdominal folds, folds often absent



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