

Body Condition Scoring

5 ... Obese Dog

- Ribs not easily palpable under a heavy fat covering
- Fat deposits over back and tail base
- Waist barely visible to absent
- No abdominal tuck - may exhibit obvious abdominal distention



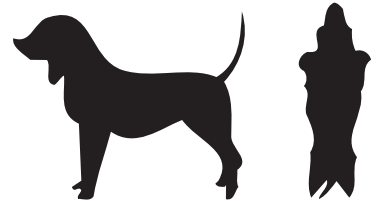
4 ... Overweight Dog

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



3 ... Ideal Dog

- Ribs palpable but not visible
- Waist observed behind ribs when viewed from above
- Abdomen tucked when viewed from side



2 ... Lean Dog

- Ribs easily palpable
- Minimal fat covering
- Waist easily noted when viewed from above
- Abdominal tuck evident



1 ... Thin Dog

- Ribs, vertebrae and pelvic bones easily visible
- No palpable fat
- Obvious waist and abdominal tuck
- Prominent pelvic bones



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