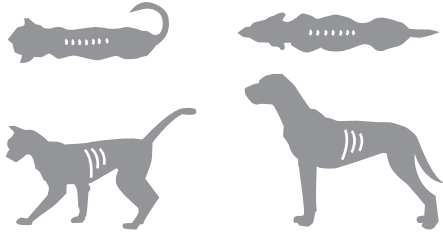


BODY CONDITION SCORE

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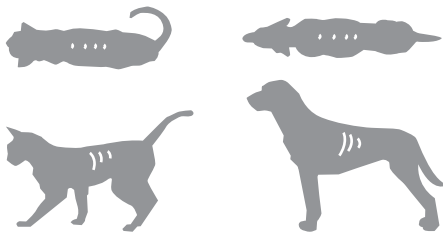
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Very thin

- Ribs, spine and pelvic bones are easily visible (in short haired pets)
- Obvious loss of muscle mass
- No palpable fat on chest

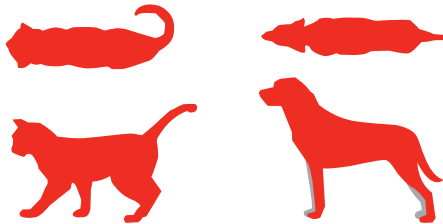
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Thin

- Ribs, spine and pelvic bones visible
- Obvious waist
- Minimal abdominal fat (cats), little palpable fat on ribs (dogs)

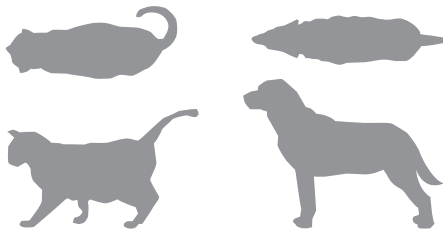
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Ideal weight

- Ribs, spine (and pelvic bones in dogs) are not visible but easily palpable
- Obvious waist
- Little abdominal fat (cats), little palpable fat on ribs (dogs)

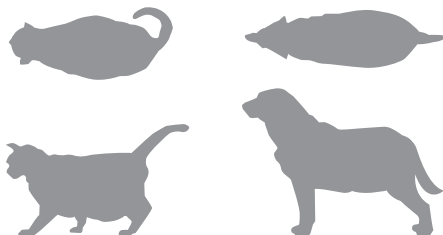
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Overweight

- Ribs and spine (and pelvic bones in dogs) are hardly palpable
- No obvious waist
- Heavy abdominal fat deposits (cats), obvious fat deposits over spine and base of tail (dogs)

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Markedly obese

- Massive fat deposits on chest, spine, abdomen (cats) and base of tail (dogs)
- Obviously distended abdomen