Body Condition Scoring

BC 1
Animal is emaciated
• Skeletal structure extremely prominent
• Little or no flesh cover
• Vertebrae, ribs, and pelvic bones distinctly segmented

BC 2
Animal is under-conditioned
• Segmentation of vertebral column evident
• Dorsal pelvic bones are readily palpable or observable

BC 3
Animal is well-conditioned
• Vertebrae and pelvis not prominent
• Ribs palpable under slight pressure

BC 4
Animal is over-conditioned
• Vertebrae palpable only under firm pressure
• Noticeable fat deposits over spine

BC 5
Animal is obese
• Animal is smooth and bulky, abdomen is distended
• Bone structure disappears under flesh and subcutaneous fat