



Body Condition Scoring

Fat Thickness

Calories

- 1** Animal extremely emaciated. Spinous processes, ribs, tail head, hips and hip bones are projecting. Bone structure of withers, shoulders and neck easily seen. No fatty tissues can be felt.
- 2** Animal emaciated. Slight fat covering over base of spinous processes; transverse processes of lumbar vertebrae feel rounded. Spinous processes, ribs, tail head, hips and hip bones are still prominent. Withers, shoulders and neck structures are faintly seen.
- 3** Transverse processes cannot be felt. Slight fat cover over ribs. Spinous processes and ribs are easily seen. Tailhead prominent, but individual vertebrae cannot be easily identified. Hip bones appear rounded, but easily discernible. Withers, shoulders and neck accentuated.
- 4** Can see outline of ribs when standing still. Tailhead prominence depends on conformation also. Hip bones not discernible. Withers, shoulders and neck not obviously thin.
- 5** Ribs cannot be visually distinguished when standing still, but can be easily felt and seen when walking. Shoulders and neck blend smoothly into body
- 6** Fat is covering ribs. Fat around tailhead is visible and feels soft. Fat is beginning to be deposited behind the shoulder and along the neck and crest.
- 7** May have the beginning of a crease down back, making it difficult to determine a true back & loin Topline Evaluation Score. Individual ribs can be felt, but noticeable covering with fat. Fat continues to increase around tail head, behind the shoulders and on the crest.
- 8** Definite fat crease along topline: back and loin area filled with fat, making it more difficult to determine a back and loin Topline Evaluation Score. Difficult to feel ribs. Fat around tail head is thicker and very soft. Patchy fat begins to appear behind shoulders, with a noticeable thickening of the crest. Fat deposited along inner thighs.
- 9** Extreme fat crease down back making it very difficult to determine Topline Evaluation Score. Patchy fat begins to appear over ribs, around tail head and along the crest. Fat along inner thighs may rub together. Flanks filled with fat.