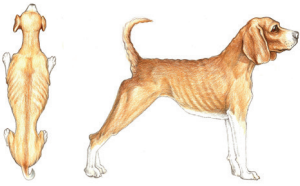


# BODY CONDITION SCORE



## UNDERWEIGHT (Levels 1, 2, 3)

### 1

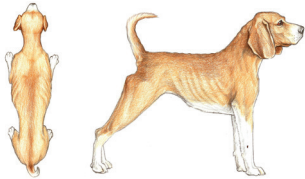
- Ribs, lower vertebrae and other bones look prominent from a distance
- No body fat can be seen
- Clear loss of muscle mass

### 2

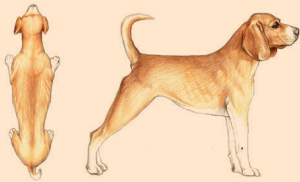
- Ribs, lower vertebrae and pelvic bones are very visible
- No body fat can be felt
- Some bones are prominent
- Some loss of muscle mass

### 3

- Ribs can be felt easily and may be visible with no fat covering
- The tops of lower vertebrae are visible, and pelvic bones are becoming prominent
- Clear waist and abdominal tuck



## IDEAL (Levels 4, 5)



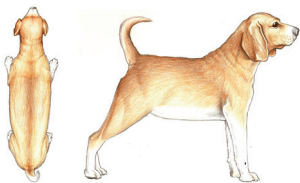
### 4

- Ribs can be felt easily, with minimal fat covering
- Waist easily seen when viewed from above
- Clear abdominal tuck

### 5

- Ribs can be felt without much fat covering them
- Waist can be seen behind ribs when viewed from above
- Abdomen tucked up when viewed from side

## OVERWEIGHT (Levels 6, 7, 8, 9)



### 6

- Ribs can be felt, but slight excess of fat covering them
- Waist can be seen from above, but not clearly
- Abdominal tuck can be seen

### 7

- Ribs are hard to feel because of heavy fat cover
- Clear fat deposits over lower spine and base of tail
- Waist is barely visible
- Abdominal tuck might be visible

### 8

- Ribs not palpable under very heavy fat cover, or palpable only with significant pressure
- Heavy fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail
- Waist absent
- No abdominal tuck
- Obvious abdominal distention may be present

### 9

- Massive fat deposits over thorax, spine and base of tail
- Waist and abdominal tuck absent
- Fat deposits on neck and limbs
- Obvious abdominal distension

