



## **BODY CONDITION SCORE > SMALL DOG**







- Ribs, spine and pelvic bones are clearly evident
- No discernible body fat
- Obvious loss of muscle mass

- Ribs, spine and pelvic bones are easily visible
  - No palpable fat
  - Some bony prominences
  - Minimal loss of muscle mass

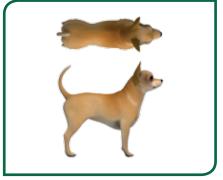
• Ribs easily palpable and may be visible with no palpable fat

- Tops of lumbar vertebrae visible and pelvic bones becoming prominent
- Obvious waist and abdominal tuck





**OVERWEIG** 



- Ribs easily palpable with minimal fat covering
- Waist easily noted when viewed from above
- · Abdominal tuck evident

- Ribs palpable without excess fat covering
- Waist observed behind ribs when viewed from above
- Abdomen tucked up when viewed from the side

- Ribs palpable with slight excess fat covering
- Waist is discernable when viewed from above, but it's not prominent
- Abdominal tuck apparent







- Ribs barely palpable under thick layer of fat
- Noticeable fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail
- Waist absent or barely visible
- Abdominal tuck may be absent
- Ribs barely palpable under thick layer of fat, or palpable with significant pressure
- Noticeable fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail
- Waist absent
- Abdominal tuck may be absent

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