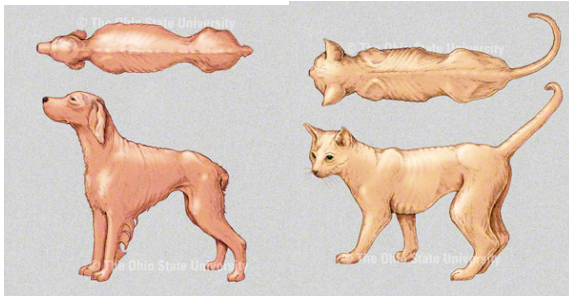
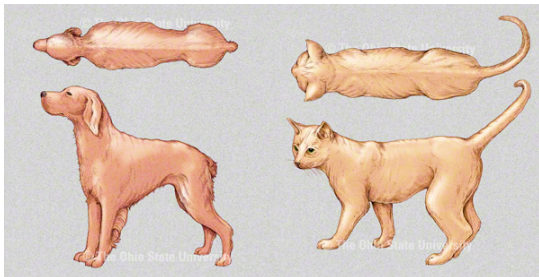


# Body Condition Score

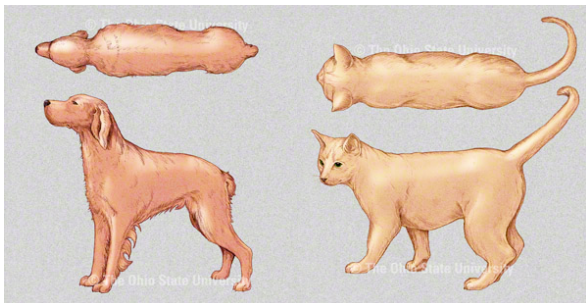
**1 = TOO THIN:** Ribs, backbone and hip bones are highly visible, even from a distance, no visible body fat, obvious loss of muscle mass. Severe belly tuck.



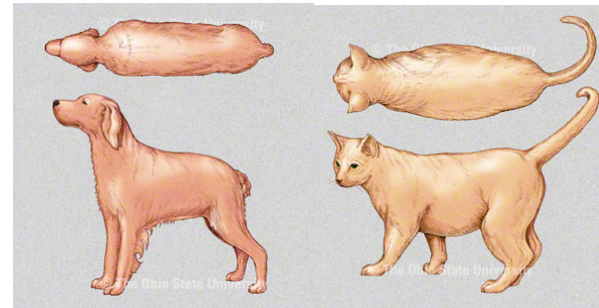
**3 = TOO THIN:** Ribs are easily felt and may be seen, with no obvious fat/minimal fat covering. Top of backbone is obviously visible and hip bones becoming visible. Waist is obvious and belly is tucked up; minimal belly fat.



**5 = IDEAL:** Ribs are easily felt, without excess fat covering. Body is well proportioned. Waist is visible behind the ribs (when viewed from above). Belly is tucked up when viewed from the side, belly fat is minimal.



**7 = TOO HEAVY:** Ribs are difficult to feel; there is a moderate to heavy fat cover. Noticeable fat deposits over backbone and base of tail; waist is barely noticeable or absent. Obvious rounding of the belly.



**9 = TOO HEAVY:** Massive fat deposits over the chest, spine and base of tail. Ribs cannot be felt under heavy fat cover. No waist or belly tuck. Obviously bulging belly that sags noticeably with extensive fat deposits on belly.

