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### **Evaluating your dog's weight.**

How skinny is "pretty skinny"?

How heavy is "not as thin as he should be"?

What about right-out fat?

#### **1. EMACIATED.**

Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, pelvic bones and all bony prominences evident from a distance.

No discernible body fat.

Obvious loss of muscle mass.

Even in ADBA condition this form is unacceptable.

#### **2. VERY THIN.**

Ribs, lumbar vertebrae and pelvic bones easily visible.

No palpable fat.

Some evidence of other bony prominence.

Minimal loss of muscle mass Even in ADBA condition this form is unacceptable.

### 3. THIN or OVER conditioned.

Ribs easily palpated and may be visible with no palpable fat.

Tops of lumbar vertebrae visible.

Pelvic bones becoming prominent.

Obvious waist and abdominal tuck.

Up to the point where pelvic bones are becoming prominent some ADBA conditioned dogs are presented in this form.

This is too thin to keep a dog health for extended periods of time.

### 4. UNDERWEIGHT or CONDITIONED.

Ribs easily palpable, with minimal fat covering.

Waist easily noted, viewed from above.

Abdominal tuck evident.

This is a good ADBA conditioning weight.

### 5. IDEAL.

Ribs palpable without excess fat covering.

Waist observed behind ribs when viewed from above.

Abdomen tucked when viewed from the side.

This is a good ADBA and UKC conditioning weight.

Unfortunately UKC judges fail to recognize well conditioned dogs and select for overweight dogs predominantly.

### 6. OVERWEIGHT.

Ribs palpable with slight excess fat covering.

Waist is discernible viewed from above but is not prominent.

Abdominal tuck apparent.

This is the condition the majority of UKC dogs are presented.

### 7. HEAVY.

Ribs palpable with difficulty, heavy fat cover.

Noticeable fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail.

Waist absent or barely visible.

Abdominal tuck may be absent.

A large number of UKC dogs are presented in shows at this weight.

#### 8. OBESE.

Ribs not palpable under 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 distension may be present.

#### 9. GROSSLY OBESE