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- Easily palpable and possibly visible ribs, no palpable fat.
- Upper part of lumbar vertebrae visible, pelvic bones begin to be prominent.
- Obvious abdominal crease and waist

IDEAL



- Easily palpable ribs with minimal fat cover.
- Easily perceptible waist seen from above.
- Obvious abdominal crease.



- Palpable ribs without excessive fat covering.
 - Visible waistline behind the ribs.
 - Abdominal fold seen from the sides.

OVERWEIGHT



- Palpable ribs slightly covered with excessive fat.
 - Waist discernible when viewed from above but not prominent.
 - Apparent abdominal crease.



- Palpable ribs with difficulty due to thick layer of fat.
- Obvious fat deposits in the lumbar area and at the base of the tail.
- Absence of waist or barely visible.
- The abdominal fold may be absent.



- Not palpable ribs under a thick layer of fat or only palpable with a lot of pressure.
 - Large fat deposits in the lumbar area and at the base of the tail.
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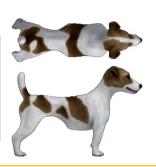
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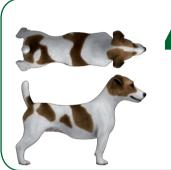


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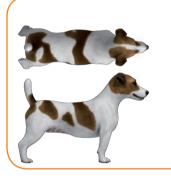


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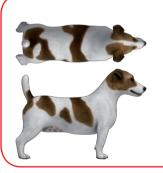


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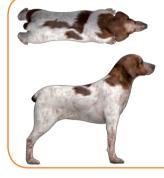


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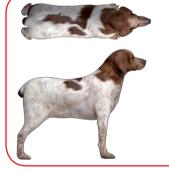


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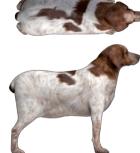
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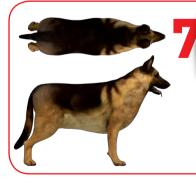


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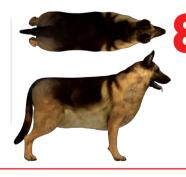
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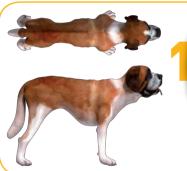


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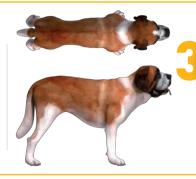




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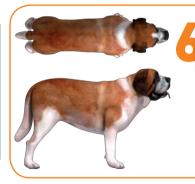


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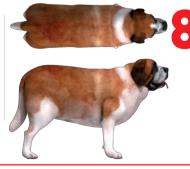
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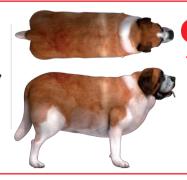
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BODY CONDITION SCORE



TOO THIN



- Ribs, spine and pelvic bones easily visible on shorthaired cats
- Very narrow waist
- · Small amount of muscle
- No palpable fat on the rib cage
- · Severe abdominal tuck



- Ribs easily visible on shorthaired cats
- Very narrow waist
- · Loss of muscle mass
- No palpable fat on the rib cage
- Very pronounced abdominal tuck



- Ribs visible on shorthaired cats
- Obvious waist
- Very small amount of abdominal fat
- Marked abdominal tuck

IDEAL



- Ribs not visible but are easily palpable
- · Obvious waist
- Minimal amount of abdominal fat



- · Well proportioned
- Ribs not visible but are easily palpable
- · Obvious waist
- Small amount of abdominal fat
- · Slight abdominal tuck



OVERWEIGHT

- Ribs not visible but palpable
- Waist not clearly defined when seen from above
- Very slight abdominal tuck



- Ribs difficult to palpate under the fat
- · Waist barely visible
- No abdominal tuck
- Rounding of abdomen with moderate abdominal pad



- Ribs not palpable under the fat
- Waist not visible
- Slight abdominal distension



- Ribs not palpable under a thick layer of fat
- Waist absent
- Obvious abdominal distension
- Extensive abdominal fat deposits

