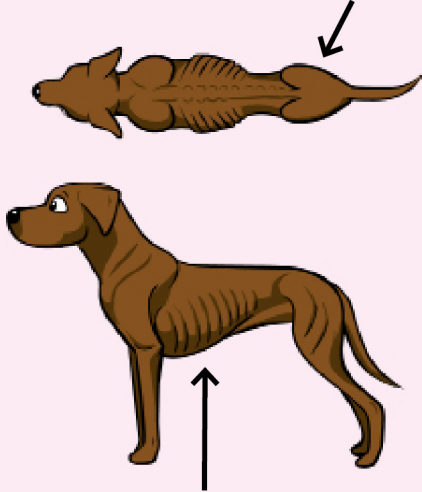


Body Condition System

Scoring System Developed at the Nestle Purina Pet Care Center*

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Obvious loss of muscle mass

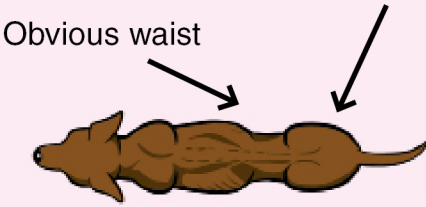


Ribs, pelvis, vertebra all visible from a distance

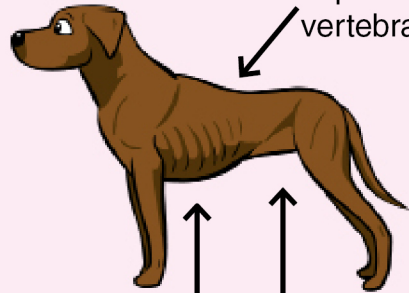
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Prominent hip (pelvic) bones

Obvious waist



Tops of lumbar vertebrae visible



Ribs easily palpable with no fat covering

Obvious abdominal tuck

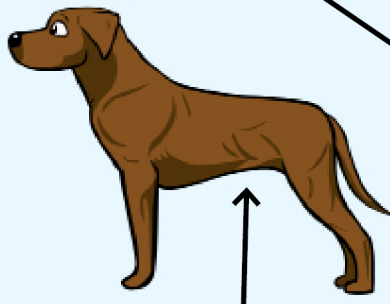
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Vertebrae and hip bones easily palpable

Ribs easily palpable with minimal fat covering

Waist observed behind ribs



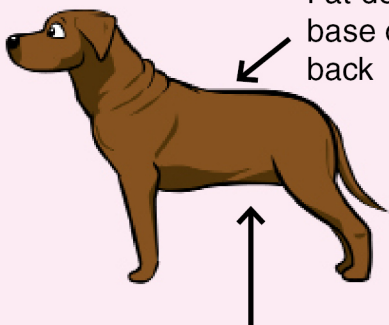
Abdominal tuck

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Difficult to feel ribs (covered with fat)



Fat deposits over base of tail and back



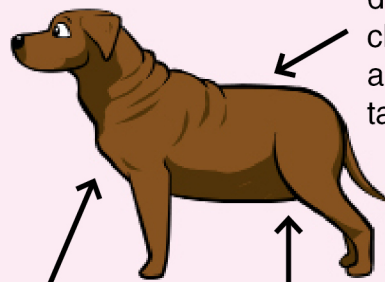
Little or no abdominal tuck

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Obvious abdominal distension



Massive fat deposits over chest, spine, and base of tail



Fat deposits on neck and limbs

Waist and abdominal tuck absent

*Laflamme DP. Development and Validation of a Body Condition Score System for Dogs, Canine Practice July/August 1997

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