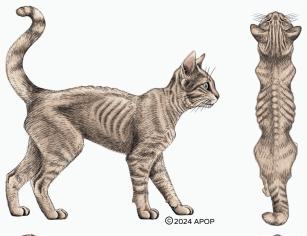
Feline Body Condition Score (BCS)





1 Emaciated

Extremely emaciated with very poor body condition

Ribs: Projects prominently, with sharp bony edges; Back/Spine: Project prominently, with no layer of fat; easily visible on short-haired cats

Back/Spine: Project prominently

Hips: Clearly visible, sharp and protruding Abdomen: Severe abdominal tuck with a

concave appearance

Waist (from above): Extremely narrow with

an extreme hourglass shape



Ribs: Easily felt with a very minimal layer of fat; visible on short-haired cats

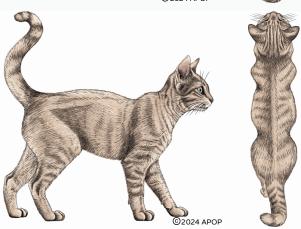
sharp bony edges

Hips: Visible and prominent with bony

edges

Abdomen: Very pronounced abdominal tuck with a concave appearance Waist (from above): Very narrow with

an extreme hourglass shape



3 Thin

Ribs: Easily felt with a slight covering of fat; visible on short-haired cats

Back/Spine: Project prominently with sharp bony edges

Hips: Visible

Abdomen: Has a pronounced abdominal tuck and a small amount of abdominal fat Waist (from above): Visible waistline

4 Moderately Thin

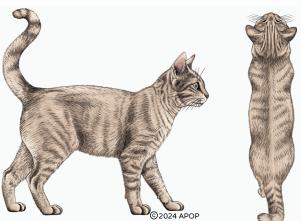
Ribs: Easily felt with a light covering of

fat; not visible

Back/Spine: Spine can be felt Hips: Less bony with a layer of fat coverage; still visible in short-haired cats Abdomen: Slight abdominal tuck with a

small fat pad

Waist (from above): Noticeable waistline, but not overly narrow



5 Ideal

Ribs: Can be felt and has a slight fat covering Back/Spine: Smooth and easily felt but

not sharp or bony

Hips: Rounded with a layer of fat Abdomen: Slight abdominal tuck with a

small fat pad

Waist (from above): Noticeable waistline behind the ribs with a gently curved hourglass

6 Moderately Above Ideal

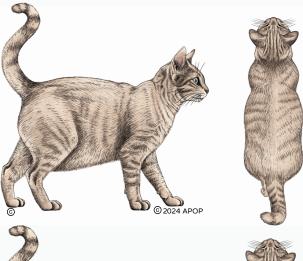
Ribs: Can still be felt but with more

difficulty; not visible

Back/Spine: Can still be felt Hips: Able to feel; no longer visible;

some fat deposits present

Abdomen: Minimal abdominal tuck with a slight rounding of the abdomen Waist (from above): Not defined



7 Overweight

Ribs: Difficult to feel under fat accumulation Back/Spine: Becoming difficult to feel

Hips: Able to feel with some pressure; not visible;

fat deposits present Abdomen: No abdominal tuck with a rounded

Waist (from above): Barely visible or absent; body appears more rounded from above

8 Obesity

Ribs: Very difficult to feel under

layer of fat

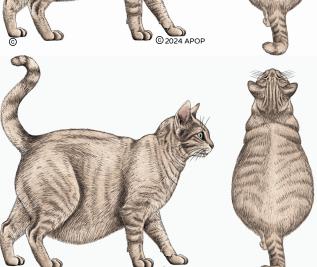
Back/Spine: Very difficult to feel **Hips:** Difficult to feel under a layer of fat, little definition; not visible

Abdomen: Pronounced rounding of the abdomen and distension

Waist (from above): Not visible, broad

and rounded from above

Fat deposits are noted on the body



9 Severe Obesity

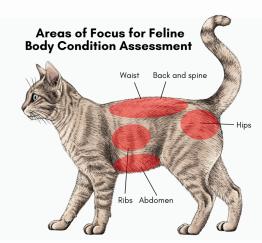
Ribs: Unable to feel

Back/Spine: Difficult to feel **Hips:** Heavily padded with

significant fat deposits; no definition Abdomen: Large hanging fat pad Waist (from above): No waist, broad and

rounded from above

Excessive fat deposits are noted on the body



A body condition score (BCS) is a screening tool used by veterinary professionals to estimate body fat and help identify obesity, malnutrition, and metabolic issues. It is important to consult a veterinarian if you suspect your pet is overweight or underweight and before beginning a weight loss program.



