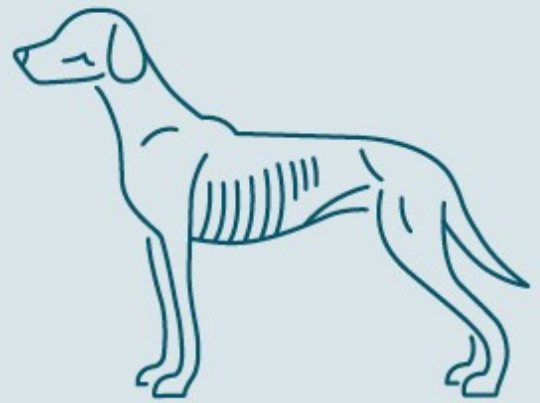


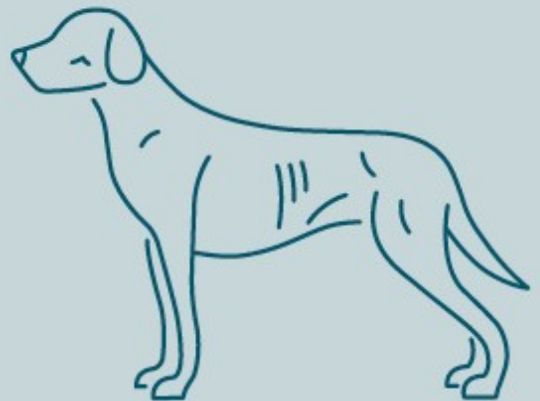
Underweight

Bones (ribs, spine & hips) protruding and can be easily seen in short coated dog. No body fat visible and waist very obvious. Dog Almost looks 'sucked in' after the ribs. In very thin dogs, loss of muscle mass be evident.



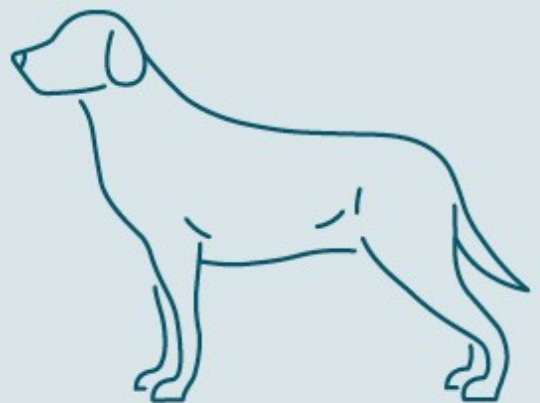
Ideal

Bones (ribs, spine & hips) should be easily felt. In a short coated dog, the last couple of ribs should be visible when twisting and turning during normal play and exercise. A waist should be visible from above and the side (the body should 'tuck in' after the rib cage.)



Overweight

Dogs are classed as overweight if they weight 10-20% more than their ideal weight*. Difficult to feel the ribs. Fat deposits visible over the body including the belly and the base of the tail. The waist is starting to disappear - minimal abdominal tuck after the ribs when looking from above. Back looks broader.



Obese

Dogs are classed as obese if they weigh 20% more than their ideal weight*. Ribs cannot be felt due to heavy covering of fat. Fat deposits visible over the spine and base of the tail. Fat rolls visible around the neck and chest, the belly may be dropping. Wasitline has been lost, so when you look from above there is no abdominal tuck after the ribs.

