

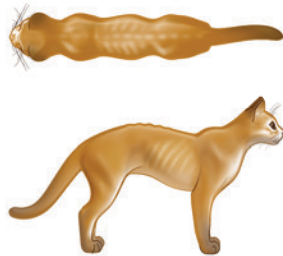
# BODY CONDITION SCORE

## TOO THIN



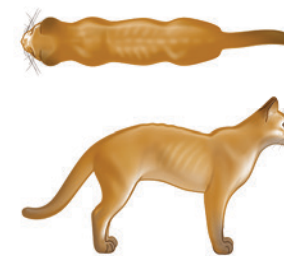
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- Ribs, spine and pelvic bones easily visible on shorthaired cats
- Very narrow waist
- Small amount of muscle
- No palpable fat on the rib cage
- Severe abdominal tuck



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



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

## IDEAL



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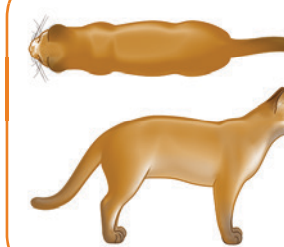
- Ribs not visible but are easily palpable
- Obvious waist
- Minimal amount of abdominal fat



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

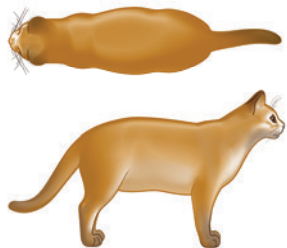
## OVERWEIGHT



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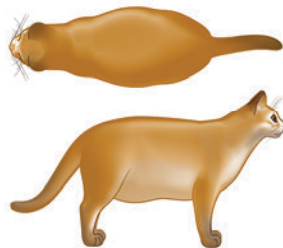
- Ribs not visible but palpable
- Waist not clearly defined when seen from above
- Very slight abdominal tuck

## TOO HEAVY



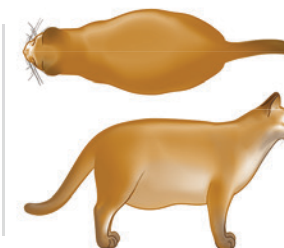
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- Ribs difficult to palpate under the fat
- Waist barely visible
- No abdominal tuck
- Rounding of abdomen with moderate abdominal pad



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



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