

Underweight: Ribs, vertebrae and pelvic bones are easily visible. From above, you can easily see the waist and abdominal tuck.



Ideal: Ribs can be felt but are not visible beneath the skin. A slight waist is visible from above. The abdomen is tucked, though not quite as pronounced as it is in the underweight dog. There is a fold visible where the flank meets the rest of the body.



Overweight: Fat covers the ribs but you can still feel them. The abdomen is rounded and the tuck is not obvious. Flanks are concave; the flank folds hang down and may jiggle.



Obese: Ribs and backbone are difficult to feel beneath the fat. The abdomen is rounded and the waist is not visible.



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