

BCS I: EMACIATED

- No visible body fat and significantly decreased muscle mass
- Very prominent hip bones
- Spine of scapula and ribs may be visible
- Depressed flank and possibly recessed anus
- Prominent facial bones, sunken eyes
- Prominent waist from above and abdomen tucked up at a sharp angle from the side
- Neck is much thinner than head



BCS 2: VERY THIN

- No visible body fat and some decreased muscle mass
- Body is very angular with no fat to smooth over bones, arms and legs lose rounding of muscles
- Prominent hip bones
- Prominent waist and abdomen tucked up
- Neck is much thinner than head



BCS 3: THIN

- Minimal fat
- Prominent hips and decreased rounding of flank
- Prominent waist and abdomen is tucked up
- Bony areas (hips, shoulders, ribs) visible but do not have sharp angles
- Neck is thinner than head



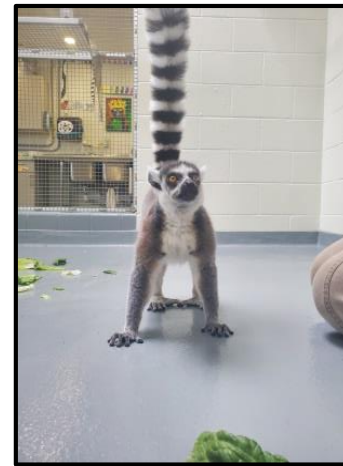
BCS 4: LEAN

- Small amount of fat
- Hips are visible but not prominent. Flank is rounded
- Slight taper of waist visible from above. Abdomen is tucked from the side but not at a sharp angle



BCS 5: IDEAL

- Bony prominences are smooth, animal is well muscled and has small amount of fat
- Slightly tapered waist from above, and gently tucked abdomen from the side
- Neck and head similar in size



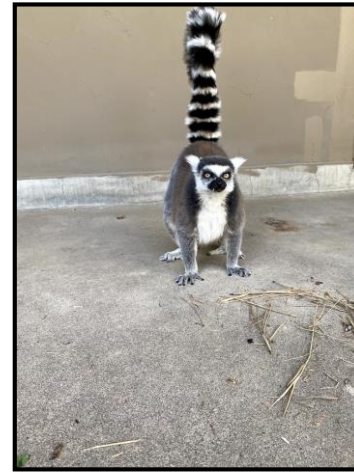
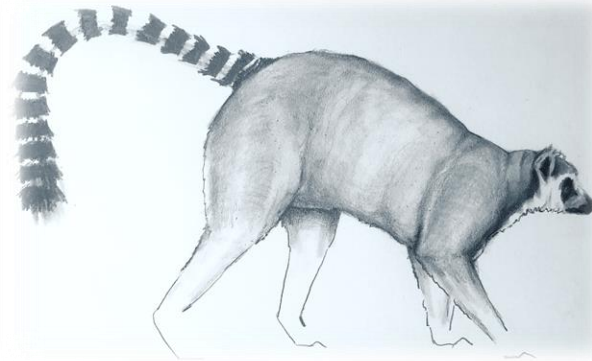
BCS 6: OVERWEIGHT

- Minimal waist noted from above and minimal abdominal tuck from the side
- Bony prominences (hips, shoulders) still visible but have increased rounding and are very smooth
- Small amount of abdominal fat may be present



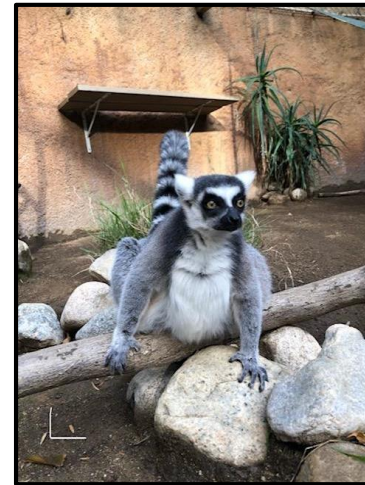
BCS 7: HEAVY

- No waist or abdominal tuck noted
- Abdominal fat is obvious – rounded/saggy
- Base of tail becomes thickened
- Neck may be wider than head
- Arms and legs start to have rounded appearance



BCS 8: OBESE

- Prominent abdominal fat – may be pendulous
- Obvious abdominal distension
- Prominent fat in neck – rolls may be present
- Base of tail is thickened



BCS 9: SEVERELY OBESE

- Massive amount of fat
- Large abdomen may alter movement and posture
- Obvious abdominal distension
- Fat rolls present on neck and limbs
- Rounding of base of neck

