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## Body Condition Score Scales Cheetah Acinonyx jubatus

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	BCS	Neck / Shoulder	Torso / Ribs	Topline / Lumbar / Tuck	Hips / Buttocks/ Tailhead
NO IMAGE AVAILABLE	<b>1</b> Extreme low	- Neck vertebrae visible - Ridge of shoulder blade sharply visible	- Ribs visible - Sharp transition between neck / shoulder and torso	- Vertebrae visible - Individual lumbar vertebrae visible - Severe tuck	- Point of hips sharp - Point of buttocks sharp - Bones in tail may be visible - Hip angle line concave
	<b>2</b> Very low	- Minimal coverage over neck vertebrae - Ridge of shoulder visible but slightly covered	- Ribs visible - Shoulder does not flow smoothly to torso, angular transition	- Vertebrae along topline visible - Outline of lumbar vertebrae visible - Obvious tuck	- Point of hips with minimal coverage - Point of buttocks angular with minimal coverage - Hip angle line concave
	3 Low	- Shoulder blade visible, ridge begins to disappear	- Ribs may be barely visible / shadowed - Shoulder does not flow smoothly to torso - Torso shape still narrow, flattened	- Vertebrae along topline visible - Lumbar vertebrae individually visible with rounding dorsally, slight rounding of skin falling from tips	- Point of hips and point of buttocks with slightly round heads - Hip angle concave to flat - Tailhead protrudes with depressions both sides
	4 Moderately low	- Shoulder blade visible, no ridge apparent	- Ribs not visible - Torso shape starting to round - Shoulder transition to torso distinct but smoother	- Topline mildly covered - Lumbar vertebrae visible but starting to look like a set	- Points of hips and buttocks slightly visible, beginning to round - Hip angle flattening - Tailhead visible but blending into hip at tail base
	<b>5</b> Moderate	- Shoulder blade flat but no ridge	- Shape of torso just apparent, starting to round - Shoulder flows smoothly into torso	- Topline moderately covered, flatter in appearance - Lumbar vertebrae not visible, obvious rounding	- Point of hips and buttocks rounded - Tailhead may be slightly visible
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- Shape of torso just apparent, starting to round - Shoulder flows smoothly into torso	- Topline moderately covered, flatter in appearance - Lumbar vertebrae not visible, obvious rounding	- Point of hips and buttocks rounded - Tailhead may be slightly visible			
- Shape of torso disappearing - Almost smooth transition between shoulder and torso	- Topline smooth, almost flat in appearance - Lumbar vertebrae round - Tuck weakening	- Point of hips almost disappeared (flat across top) - Tailhead barely visible, blends into rump			
- Torso rounded in appearance - Full body almost completely blended together - Weak tuck, if any	- Topline flat in appearance - Lumbar region blends with points of hips across top	- No points of hips apparent - Tailhead blends with rump, no ridge			



Moderately high

**BCS** 

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Moderate

- Shoulder blade beginning to round

Neck /

Shoulder

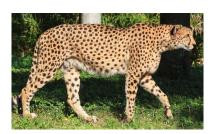
- Shoulder blade

flat but no ridge



7 High

- Shoulder blade rounded and starting to disappear into neck and torso
- Torso appeara
- Full bo complet together
- Weak



8 Very high

- and blends into chest, some bulging behind shoulder - Chest prominent, obvious tissue deposition between front
- Shoulder round - Torso barrelshaped - Lower torso begins to round below the ribs
  - No tuck
- Topline flat, possibly rounded over shoulders and lumbar region
- Hip and buttocks not visible.
- Tailhead not visible, blends with rump, may be lower than surrounding tissue
- Tail base thickening



9 Extremely high

- Chest full, bulging in appearance

legs

- Neck rounded - Shoulders
- bulging behind and on top
- Torso bulging, no distinction between body sections
- Abdomen rounded, pendulous throughout body fat between hind legs
- Topline has a flat, table-like appearance
  - Lack of definition
- Hips, buttocks, tailhead, rump completely round, bulging in appearance - Thickened tail

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base