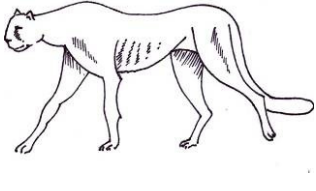
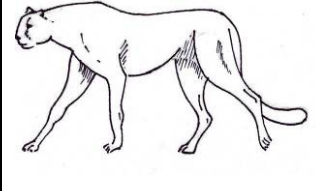
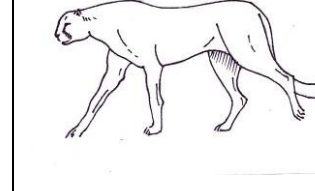
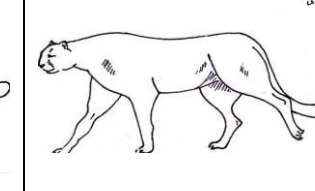
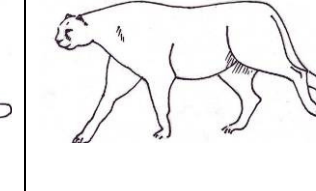


1.4.1.iii – Cheetah

- Dierenfeld, Standardized BCS

SCORE	1. Very Thin	2. Underweight	3. Ideal	4. Overweight	5. Obese
<b>Outline depictions</b>					
<b>Overall</b>	Loss of muscle mass. Cheek bones prominent; facial features gaunt.	Lean, exaggerated limb delineations, poor muscling. Cheek & face gaunt.	Lean and muscular appearance; obvious delineations between shoulder, stomach and pelvic regions	Stored fat present on inner thigh, pelvic and stomach regions.	Obvious fatty deposits; no definition between shoulder, stomach & pelvic regions
<b>Neck and Shoulders</b>	Bone structure easily visible from a distance	Thin neck	Visible shoulder bones	Shoulders rounded. Neck is thick	Neck is thick and blends into shoulders
<b>Abdominal tuck</b>	Severe	Prominent	Visible without fat pad. Note: pregnant females may have rounded stomach.	None. Note: pregnant females may have rounded stomach.	Large fat pad, no tuck.
<b>Tailhead and pelvis</b>	Very prominent bony structures	Lumbar vertebrae & pelvic bones visible	Bony structure visible but not prominent; thigh muscle obvious while walking. Rear has square appearance.	Fat deposits evident; rear and back have rounded appearance.	Obvious fat deposits over back, pelvis and tail base. Rear & back flat and/or rounded.
<b>Ribs</b>	Obvious	Visible. (Note: Ribs likely not visible if pregnant)	Not visible. (Note: also true if pregnant)	Not visible, fat evident. (Note: also true if pregnant)	Obvious fat deposits

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