Body Condition Score

**Cross section of breast tissue mass (ventral) over sternum**

**Score = 5**  Obese bird
“Cleavage” appearance. Palpable muscle mass above the apex of keel, often with subcutaneous fat readily apparent.

**Score = 4**  Well muscled, somewhat heavy
Muscle mass level with keel apex. Often seen in normal Amazona species.

**Score = 3**  Excellent body condition
Convex curvature. Keel apex palpable.

**Score = 2**  Adequate condition to slightly thin
Moderate muscle mass with keel apex easily palpated. Often seen in normal cockatoos.

**Score = 1**  Severely emaciated
Mineral palpable muscle mass over keel. Likely in critical condition.