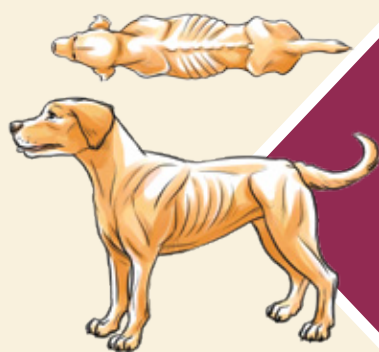


# Body Condition Guide for Dogs



## TOO THIN

### What to look for:

Ribs, spine and hip bones clearly visible.  
Dog has no body fat.

### What to do:

Your dog is too thin and needs to be fed more to reach a healthy body condition. A dog this thin may well have underlying medical conditions so we strongly recommend a trip to the vet for a check-up.

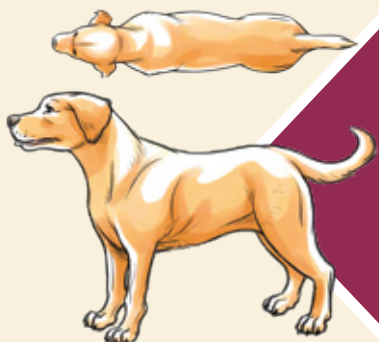
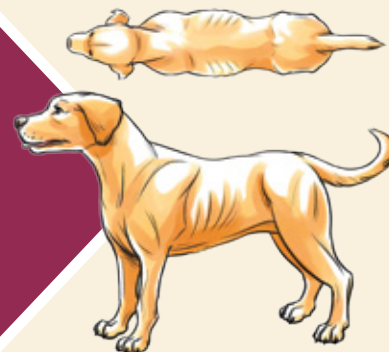
## SLIGHTLY UNDERWEIGHT

### What to look for:

Ribs are visible and easily felt under a small amount of fat covering. The waist is clearly distinct behind the ribs when looking from above.

### What to do:

Increase the amount being fed by a small amount to allow your dog to gain a little weight & improve its condition.



## OPTIMAL WEIGHT & CONDITION

### What to look for:

Ribs are covered by a thin layer of fat and are able to be felt but are not prominent. Your dog has a waist that is well defined from above.

### What to do:

Well done! Your dog is in great condition, simply continue feeding as you currently are.

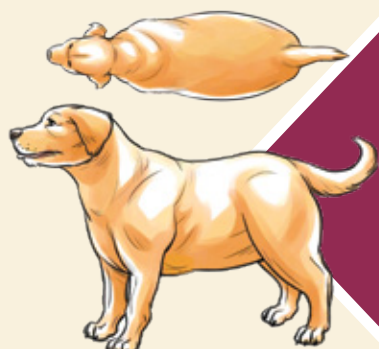
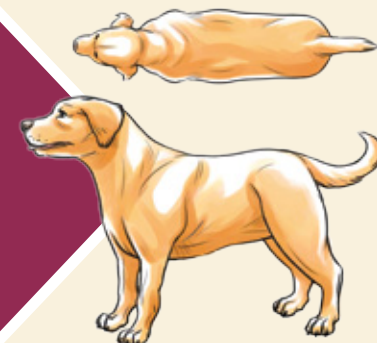
## OVERWEIGHT

### What to look for:

Your dog doesn't have an obvious waist when viewed from above. Ribs will not be visible but may still be felt.

### What to do:

For optimal health your dog needs to lose some weight. Rapid reduction in food and the dramatic weight loss that follows is not recommended. Please view our 'Weight Loss and your Dog' section for advice and tips on a healthy weight loss plan.



## OBESE

### What to look for:

Your dog looks rounded from above, the ribs and backbone can no longer easily be felt.

### What to do:

A weight loss plan is recommended. See our 'Weight Loss and your Dog' section for advice but a trip to the vet is recommended as a dog carrying this amount of extra weight may already have underlying health issues that need attention.