













# Dawson Creek Veterinary Clinic

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## Body Condition Score for Canine

|   |   |                          |   |   |
|---|---|--------------------------|---|---|
|    |   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, pelvic bones and all bony prominences evident from a distance. No discernible body fat. Obvious loss of muscle mass.  | 1 |
|    | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ribs, lumbar vertebrae and pelvic bones easily visible. No palpable fat. Some evidence of other bony prominence. Minimal loss of muscle mass.   | 2 |
|    |   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ribs easily felt and may be visible with no covering fat. Tops of lumbar vertebrae visible. Pelvic bones becoming prominent. Obvious waist and abdominal tuck.  | 3 |
|   | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ribs easily palpable, with minimal fat covering. Waist easily noted, viewed from above. Abdominal tuck evident.   | 4 |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ribs palpable without excess fat covering. Waist observed behind ribs when viewed from above. Abdomen tucked up when viewed from side.  | 5 |
|  | 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ribs palpable with slight excess fat covering. Waist is discernible viewed from above but is not prominent. Abdominal tuck apparent.  | 6 |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ribs palpable with difficulty; heavy fat cover. Noticeable fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail. Waist absent or barely visible. Abdominal tuck may be present.   | 7 |
|  | 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ribs not palpable under very heavy fat cover, or palpable only with significant pressure. Heavy fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail. Waist absent. No abdominal tuck. Obvious abdominal distention may be present. | 8 |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Massive fat deposits over thorax, spine and base of tail. Waist and abdominal tuck absent. Fat deposits on neck and limbs. Obvious abdominal distention.  | 9 |
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