PURINA® BODY CONDITION TOOL FOR CATS

UNDERWEIGHT (Levels 1, 2, 3, 4)

- Ribs visible on shorthaired cats
 - No fat can be felt
 - Severe abdominal tuck
 - Lower vertebrae and wing of ilia can be easily felt
- Ribs easily visible on shorthaired cats
- Lower vertebrae are clear with minimal muscle mass
 - Pronounced abdominal tuck
 - No fat can be felt

- Ribs easily felt with minimal fat covering
 - Lower vertebrae obvious
 - Clear waist behind ribs
 - Minimal abdominal fat
- Ribs can be felt with minimal fat covering
 - Noticeable waist behind ribs
 - Slight abdominal tuck
 - Abdominal fat pad absent





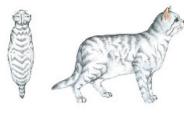
IDEAL (Level 5)

- Ribs can be felt without much fat covering them
 - Waist can be seen behind ribs when viewed from above
 - Abdomen tucked up when viewed from side

OVERWEIGHT (Levels 6, 7, 8, 9)



- Ribs can be felt, but slight excess of fat covering them
 - Waist can be seen from above, but not clearly
 - Abdominal tuck can be seen



- Ribs are hard to feel because of heavy fat cover Clear fat deposits over lower spine and base of tail
 - Waist is barely visible
 - Abdominal tuck might be visible



- Ribs not palpable with excess fat covering Waist absent
 - Obvious rounding of abdomen with prominent abdominal fat pad
 - · Fat deposits present over lumbar area
- Ribs not palpable under heavy fat cover Heavy fat deposits over lumbar area, face and limbs
- Distension of abdomen with no waist
 - Extensive abdominal fat deposits

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