PURINA® BODY CONDITION TOOL FOR CATS

UNDERWEIGHT (Levels 1, 2, 3, 4)
1. Ribs visible on shorthaired cats
   • No fat can be felt
   • Severe abdominal tuck
   • Lower vertebrae and wing of ilia can be easily felt
2. Ribs easily visible on shorthaired cats
   • Lower vertebrae are clear with minimal muscle mass
   • Pronounced abdominal tuck
   • No fat can be felt
3. Ribs easily felt with minimal fat covering
   • Lower vertebrae obvious
   • Clear waist behind ribs
   • Minimal abdominal fat
4. Ribs can be felt with minimal fat covering
   • Noticeable waist behind ribs
   • Slight abdominal tuck
   • Abdominal fat pad absent

IDEAL (Level 5)
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)
6. 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
7. 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
8. Ribs not palpable with excess fat covering
   • Waist absent
   • Obvious rounding of abdomen with prominent abdominal fat pad
   • Fat deposits present over lumbar area
9. 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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