

Equine Body Condition Evaluation

Case # _____ ID # _____ Stall # _____ Other # _____

Investigating Agency _____

Location of exam	Examination date	Examination time
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Equine:

Name	Breed	Gender
Age	Color/Markings	Scars/Brands
Description		

Body Score Chart

(See page 3 for Scoring Reference)

Spinous Processes (top of spine): 1. projecting prominently; 2. slight fat covering over base; 3. fat buildup approx halfway up; 4. slight ridge along back; 5. back is flat (no ridge or crease); 6. slight crease down back; 7. obvious crease down back.

SCORE: _____

Transverse Processes (side of spine): 1. very prominent; 2. feel rounded; 3 - 7 cannot be felt.

SCORE: _____

Neck: 1. bone structure easily noticeable; 2. bone structure faintly discernible; 3. bone structure is accentuated; 4. not obviously thin; 5. neck & shoulders blend smoothly into body; 6. fat beginning to deposit along neck; 7. fat buildup along neck.

SCORE: _____

Withers: 1. bone structure easily noticeable; 2. bone structure faintly discernible; 3. not obviously thin; 5. appear rounded over spinous processes (top of spine); 6. fat beginning to be deposited along sides; 7. fat deposits along sides.

SCORE: _____

Ribs: 1. projecting prominently; 2. prominent; 3. slight fat covering; 4. faint outline; 5. not visually distinguishable; 6. spongy fat covering but can be felt; 7. fat over and between ribs but can be felt.

SCORE: _____



Shoulders: 1. easily noticeable; 2. bone structure faintly discernible; 3. bone structure is accentuated; 4. not obviously thin; 5. neck & shoulders blend smoothly into body; 6. fat beginning to be deposited behind shoulders; 7. fat deposits behind shoulder.

SCORE: _____

Tuber Coxae (hip joints): 1. projecting prominently; 2. prominent; 3. appear rounded but easily discernible; 4 – 7. not discernible.

SCORE: _____

Tailhead: 1. projecting prominently; 2. prominent; 3. prominent but individual vertebrae cannot be seen; 4. prominence depends on conformation – fat can be felt around it; 5. spongy fat; 6. soft fat; 7. soft fat.

SCORE: _____

Inner Buttocks (twist): 1. significant space (may cause anus to fall in); 2. noticeable space (may cause anus to fall in); 3. filled in but without noticeable deposition of fatty tissue; 4 – 7. filled in, may touch.

SCORE: _____

Total Score: _____ **divided by 9 = Average:** _____ **Body Score**

Condition of Hooves

___Excellent ___Good ___Fair ___Poor ___Severely overgrown ___Foundered

Medical Evaluation/Diagnosis: (Illnesses, Injuries, Disabilities):

Other Conditions:

Examined by: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

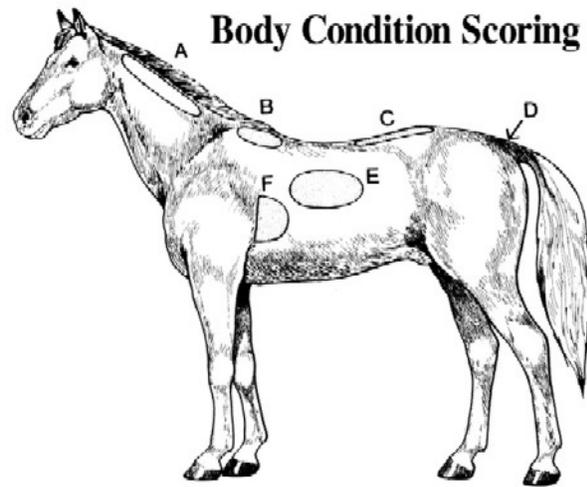
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Scoring Reference:

A. Along the neck	B. Along the withers
C. Crease down back	D. Tailhead
E. Ribs	F. Behind the shoulders



1. Poor - Animal extremely emaciated.

Spinous processes (top of spine), ribs, tailhead, tuber coxae (hip joints), and ischia (lower pelvic bones) projecting prominently; bone structure of withers, shoulders, and neck easily noticeable; no fatty tissue can be felt. Significant space between the inner buttocks.

2. Very Thin - Animal emaciated

Slight fat covering over base of spinous processes (top of spine), transverse processes (side of spine) of lumbar vertebrae feel rounded; spinous processes (top of spine), ribs, tailhead, tuber coxae (hip joints) and ischia (lower pelvic bones) prominent; withers, shoulders, and neck structure faintly discernible. Noticable space between the inner buttocks.

3. Thin

Fat buildup about halfway on spinous processes (top of spine); transverse processes (side of spine) cannot be felt; slight fat covering over ribs; spinous processes and ribs easily discernible; tailhead prominent, but individual vertebrae cannot be identified visually; tuber coxae (hip joints) appear rounded but easily discernible; tuber ischia (lower pelvic bones) not distinguishable; withers, shoulders and neck accentuated. The inner buttocks are filled in but without noticeable deposition of fatty tissue.

4. Moderately Thin

Slight ridge along back; faint outline of ribs discernible; tailhead prominence depends on conformation, fat can be felt around it; tuber coxae (hip joints) not discernable; withers, shoulders and neck not obviously thin.

5. Moderate

Back is flat (no crease or ridge); ribs not visually distinguishable but easily felt; fat around tailhead beginning to feel spongy; withers appear rounded over spinous processes (top of spine); shoulders and neck blend smoothly into body.

6. Moderately Fleshy

May have slight crease down back; fat over ribs spongy; fat around tailhead soft; fat beginning to be deposited along the side of withers, behind shoulders, and along sides of neck.

7. Fleshy

May have slight crease down back; individual ribs can be felt, but noticeable filling between ribs with fat; fat around tailhead soft; fat deposited along withers, behind shoulders and along neck.

