

# 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):**

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**Other Conditions:**

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Examined by: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

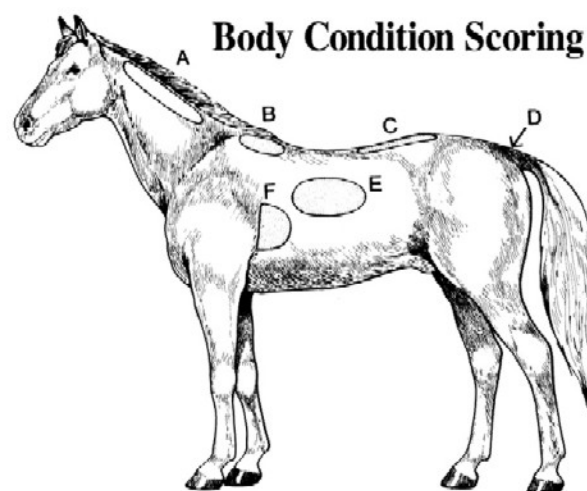
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## Scoring Reference:

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.

