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SCORE	CONDITION	CRANIOCAUDAL VIEW	DORSAL VIEW	VENTRAL VIEW	DESCRIPTION
1	EMACIATED				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Likely to be weak/wobbly.</li> <li>Sunken eyes.</li> <li>Has a 'triangular' appearance in craniocaudal view.</li> <li>Feels very light for size.</li> <li>Tapers towards rump, pelvis visible.</li> <li>Not releasable</li> </ul>
2	UNDERWEIGHT				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feels light for size.</li> <li>Visible narrowing at flanks.</li> <li>Tapers towards rump, pelvis can be felt but not seen.</li> <li>Not releasable.</li> </ul>
3	HEALTHY WEIGHT				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Able to curl tightly – only spines are visible when curled up.</li> <li>Good muscle and fat coverage.</li> <li>'Sausage shaped' in craniocaudal view.</li> <li>Releasable.</li> </ul>
4	OVERWEIGHT				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Difficulty curling up.</li> <li>Head/genitalia may be visible when curled up.</li> <li>Pelvis not locatable.</li> <li>Not releasable.</li> </ul>
5	OBESE				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unable to fully curl up.</li> <li>Bulging eyes with fat pads visible.</li> <li>Face/genitalia visible when curling.</li> <li>Excess fat is visible on thorax and abdomen.</li> <li>Not releasable.</li> </ul>