



Condition scoring

The basics of nutrition also include assessing the dog's current condition.

The most important things we **examine** when establishing the dog's condition are:

- ✚ **The ribs, vertebral projections and bony protrusions and palpability**
- ✚ **Visibility of the waistline**
- ✚ **Sagging, retracted abdomen - from the side view**
- ✚ **Presence of fat pads**

Based on these aspects, we score the dog's condition between 1-9.

Knowing the **basics** will be sufficient:

🐾 1-3: Less than the ideal, condition states = thinness:

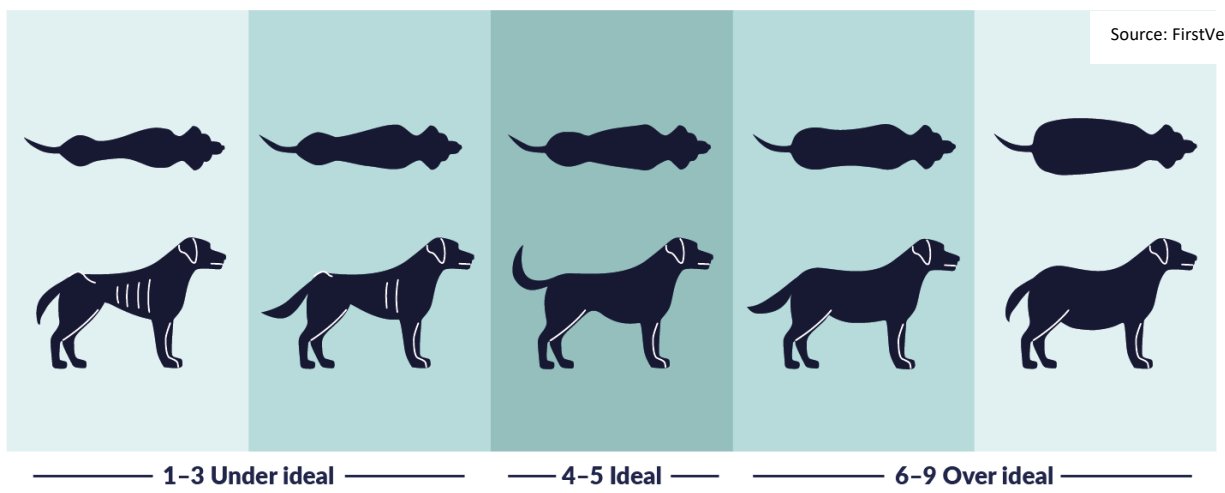
Bony structures (ribs, vertebrae extensions, pelvic bone) are palpable, even are visibly outstanding. The dog's belly is drawn in, loss of muscle mass can also be observed.

🐾 4-5: Ideal condition

The ribs are still palpable under a layer of healthy fat, the bony structures are not visible, the waistline is clearly visible, the belly is not sagging.

🐾 6-9: More than ideal condition = overweight

Ribs and bony structures are hard to feel, covered with fat. The waistline is not visible. The dog's belly is tense, sagging, and hanging.



———— 1-3 Under ideal ———— ——— 4-5 Ideal ——— ————— 6-9 Over ideal —————