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Cat Body Chart



Emaciated: The characteristics of a dangerously underweight cat include no displays of abdominal fats, a drastic abdominal tuck behind the ribs, raised bones at the base of the tail directly under, and clearly visible ribs with no fat cover. A complete check-up by a vet is advised.



Thin: An underweight cat has slight abdominal fat, an obvious abdominal tuck behind the ribs, minimal fat covering raised bones at the base of the tail, and obvious and easily felt ribs. A check-up is advised.



Ideal: The "perfect" cat has minimal abdominal fat, a defined waist behind the ribs, a thin layer of fat covering the bones at the base of the tail, ribs that cannot be seen but can be felt under a slight layer of fat, and an hourglass shape when viewed from above.



Overweight: A moderately fat cat displays a modest amount of fat in the abdomen, base of the tail and chest. The ribs are difficult to feel and the waist is hardly visible. Nutritional and dietary guidance, along with a safe weight-loss plan, is recommended.



Obese: A dangerously overweight cat has a thick layer of fat covering all parts of the body. The ribs cannot be felt, and the abdomen is severely distended. Pet owners should seek advice and/or care from their veterinarian for new dietary and exercise habits for their cats.