

Signs of obesity in dogs

Your **dog's ideal weight** will depend on a number of different factors, including **breed** and **age**.

Where does your dog fall on the scale below?

1. Verythin

Ribs, spine and pelvic bones are very visible. Bones can easily be felt as there's no fat cover. A big dip after the ribcage.



2. Underweight

Ribs, spine and pelvic bones are very visible. Bones can easily be felt as there's no fat cover. A visible hourglass waist.



3. Ideal weight

The last couple of ribs may be visible, especially when playing or exercising. A waist can be seen when viewed from the side and from above.



4. Overweight

Ribs cannot be easily felt, and fat deposits are visible over the body. The waist is starting to disappear and looks quite pear-shaped from above.



5. Obese

Ribs can no longer be felt, and fat rolls are visible around the neck and chest. There is no visible waist when viewing from the side or above.



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We recommend you consult with your vet before embarking on a weight-loss programme for your pet.

