## Cat Size-O-Meter

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| 1 Very Thin        | - Ribs, spine and hip bones are very easily seen (in short haired pets)  
- Pronounced waist  
- Obvious loss of muscle mass with no belly fat |
| 2 Thin             | - Ribs, spine and hip bones easily seen  
- Obvious waist  
- Very little belly fat |
| 3 Ideal            | - Ribs, spine and hip bones easily felt  
- Visible waist  
- A small amount of belly fat |
| 4 Overweight       | - Ribs, spine and hip bones hard to feel  
- No defined waist  
- Slightly sagging belly |
| 5 Obese            | - Ribs, spine and hip bones extremely difficult to feel under a padding of fat  
- No waist can be seen  
- Heavy fat pads on lower back and an obvious sagging belly – skin rolls may sway from side to side when walking |

Please note
There are some cases where the natural shape of a cat may mean this simple system doesn’t translate as easily. For example, if your cat has a long coat it may be difficult to judge the shape. There are also some breeds of cats, such as Maine Coon, that are generally larger than the average moggie – however they should still have the same body shape. If you need help using the tool, download a hard copy version and take it to your local vet or pet care professional for advice.

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## Results:

### Your Cat is score

| Very Thin | 1 | Your pet is very likely to be underweight. Your pet may have a naturally lean physique but we recommend you speak to your local vet to rule out any underlying medical reasons such as an overactive thyroid gland. If your pet is healthy but otherwise underweight, your vet is likely to advise some dietary and lifestyle changes. |
| Thin | 2 | Your pet is thin and potentially underweight. Your pet may have a naturally lean physique but we recommend you speak to your local vet for a health check up. If your pet is healthy but otherwise underweight, your vet may advise some dietary and lifestyle changes. |
| Ideal | 3 | Congratulations your pet is in ideal body condition! This is great news, as being its ideal weight increases the chances of your cat living a long and healthy life. To keep your cat in perfect shape, monitor its weight and body condition on a regular basis (e.g. once a month) and be careful what you and everyone else in the family feeds it. Remember any changes in lifestyle (e.g. reduced exercise, recent surgery, extra treats, or even factors such as stress) can result in weight change. |
| Overweight | 4 | Your pet is potentially overweight. Being overweight is unhealthy for pets as it can lead to a shortened life-span, heart disease, arthritis and diabetes. Speak to your local vet for advice and a thorough health check-up. The vet will look for any underlying medical reasons as to why your pet may be too heavy. If there are no underlying health issues, a change of diet and lifestyle is likely to be suggested. Many vet practices run free weight management consultations, ask about these services when you ring to book an appointment. |
| Obese | 5 | Your pet is likely to be obese and this can have serious medical implications. Being overweight is unhealthy for pets as it can lead to a shortened life-span, heart disease, arthritis and diabetes. Speak to your local vet for advice and a thorough health check-up. The vet will look for any underlying medical reasons as to why your pet may be too heavy. If there are no underlying health issues, a weight loss programme will probably be individually developed for your pet and should include diet and lifestyle changes. |

For more information on the Cat Size-O-Meter and tips on how to prevent weight gain visit [www.pfma.org.uk](http://www.pfma.org.uk). In addition to providing useful tips on how to keep your pet healthy and happy, a team of veterinary nutrition experts are on hand to answer your pet nutrition questions in the ‘Ask the Expert’ section.