

BC 1



Mouse is emaciated.

- *Skeletal structure extremely prominent; little or no flesh cover.*
- *Vertebrae distinctly segmented.*

BC 2



Mouse is underconditioned.

- *Segmentation of vertebral column evident.*
- *Dorsal pelvic bones are readily palpable.*

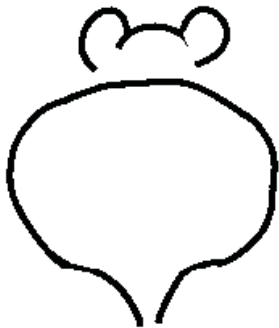
BC 3



Mouse is well-conditioned.

- *Vertebrae and dorsal pelvis not prominent; palpable with slight pressure.*

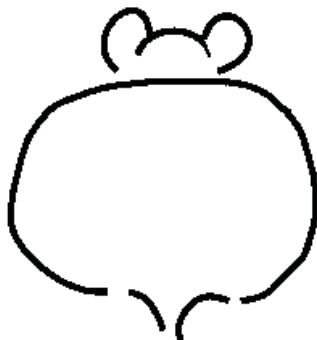
BC 4



Mouse is overconditioned.

- *Spine is a continuous column.*
- *Vertebrae palpable only with firm pressure.*

BC 5



Mouse is obese.

- *Mouse is smooth and bulky.*
- *Bone structure disappears under flesh and subcutaneous fat.*

A "+" or a "-" can be added to the body condition score if additional increments are necessary (i.e. ...2+, 2, 2-...)