

CONDITION SCORING



Download a condition score chart, then stand your horse square on a level surface and divide his body into three zones. Score each zone out of five, using your hands and the descriptions on the chart as a guide, then work out an average overall score – half points are okay. Repeat the process every two weeks and log your findings so you can quickly spot any changes in condition.



NECK AND SHOULDERS

Neck should be firm, with no crest or wobble (except in stallions), and shoulder blades should be defined.

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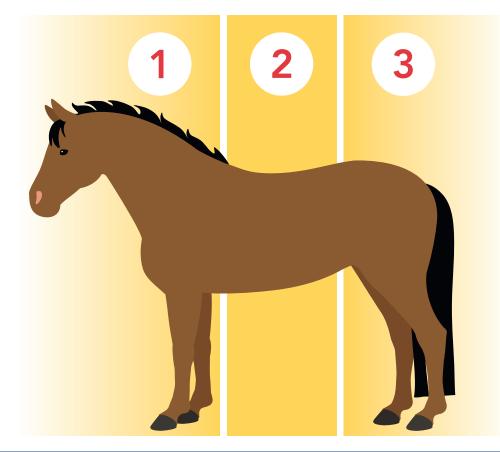
BACK AND RIBCAGE

Ribs should be just covered, but still easily felt. There should be a smooth curve across the back, without a gutter along the spine, and the spinous processes felt.

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HINDQUARTERS

Pelvis should be rounded, but still easily felt, and the croup defined. Above the tail should be a smooth curve.



IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR HORSE'S HEALTH, CONTACT YOUR VET