IS YOUR DOG OVERWEIGHT? What you need to know?

- Ribs, vertebrae, hip bones easily visible
- No palpable fat
- Clear waist and abdominal detectable
- Prominent hip and pelvic bones

- Ribs easily felt
- Minimal fat covering
- Waist visible when viewed from above
- Clear abdominal tuck

- Ribs can be felt but not seen
- Waist can be seen from above
- Abdomen tucked up when viewed from the side

- Ribs can be felt but with slight fat covering
- Waist barely detectable when seen from the top
- Some abdominal tuck when seen from the side

- Ribs not easily felt
- Fat can be felt over the lower back and base of the tail
- Waist barely visible if at all

Keeping dogs at a healthy weight will have a fantastic effect on their

quality of life as they get older. Studies show that keeping a dog lean can add up to 2 years to his or her life. It helps reduce the risk of diabetes and heart disease and reduces the effects of arthritis on joints.

The 2010 annual study by the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention shows that 55% of dogs in America fall in the overweight to obese range. So take a moment to study your dog. Take a look at his or her waistline just behind the rib cage. Is there a slight tuck to the waist? Is it a straight line? Or is the belly beginning to bulge outward a little? If so, it may be time to discuss a weight loss plan with your veterinarian.

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