

BC 1

- Mouse is emaciated.
- Skeletal structure extremely prominent; little or no flesh cover.
- · Vertebrae distinctly segmented.



BC₂

Mouse is underconditioned.

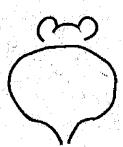
- · Segmentation of vertebral column evident.
- Dorsal pelvic bones are readily palpable.



BC₃

Mouse is well-conditioned.

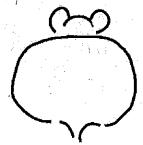
 Vertebrae and dorsal pelvis not prominent; palpable with slight pressure.



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-...)