



BC 1

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



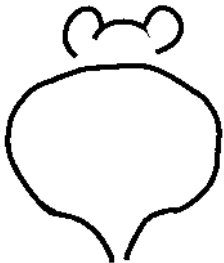
BC 2

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



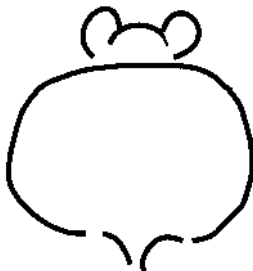
BC 3

- 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-...)