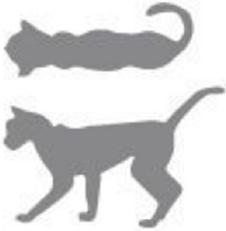
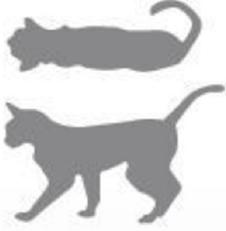
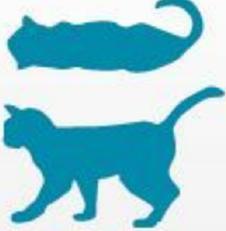


Figure S2: 5 point-scale BCS chart included in the questionnaire for cat owners' self-assessment on the body condition of their cats.

## BODY CONDITION SCORING IN CATS

Scoring	Characteristics
	<p><b>1. Emaciated</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ribs, spine, pelvic bones easily visible (short hair)</li><li>• Obvious loss of muscle mass</li><li>• No palpable fat on rib cage</li></ul>
	<p><b>2. Thin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ribs, spine, pelvic bones visible</li><li>• Obvious abdominal tuck (waist)</li><li>• Minimal abdominal fat</li></ul>
	<p><b>3. Ideal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ribs, spine not visible but easily palpable</li><li>• Obvious abdominal tuck (waist)</li><li>• Few abdominal fat</li></ul>
	<p><b>4. Overweight</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ribs, spine not easily palpated</li><li>• Abdominal tuck (waist) absent</li><li>• Obvious abdominal distention</li></ul>
	<p><b>5. Obese</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Massive thoracic, spinal and abdominal fat deposits</li><li>• Massive abdominal distention</li></ul>

