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Foreword

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1 Scope

GB/T 47217-2026 is the Chinese national standard covering body condition scoring of dogs and cats - the nine-point scale by which a vet judges whether an animal is thin, ideal or obese, from what the ribs, waist and abdominal tuck feel like rather than from the weight on the scale. Pet obesity is now the commonest nutritional disorder in Chinese small animal practice. First edition. It was issued on 27 February 2026 and has been in force since 1 September 2026, as a first edition. The document is under the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs. This page is published from the official record of the 2026 edition; the clause text of a standard this recent is not yet in circulation, and the figures, limits and tables it contains are those of the document itself, delivered in full with the English translation.

This document specifies the basic requirements and result determination for dog and cat

body condition scoring, describes the assessment methods, and provides corresponding treatment recommendations. This document is applicable to dog and cat owners, breeders, and veterinary clinic personnel for monitoring the physical condition of individual dogs and cats. manage.

2 Normative references

The contents of the following documents, through normative references within the text, constitute essential provisions of this document. Dated citations are not included. For references to documents, only the version corresponding to that date applies to this document; for undated references, the latest version (including all amendments) applies. This document.

GB/T 40450 Technical Specifications for Dog Restraint

3 Terms and Definitions

The following terms and definitions apply to this document.

3.1 Body Condition Score The fat deposition and muscle attachment status of individual dogs and cats in the trunk and key areas were assessed using visual observation and manual touch. A score is a method of representing an individual's nutrition, health status, and body fat and muscle mass.

4 General Rules

4.1 Frequency During a veterinary examination, dogs and cats should undergo at least one physical assessment and record their condition. Owners and breeders should... During the breeding process, it is advisable to assess and record the physical condition of dogs and cats at least once a month.

4.2 Environment When assessing a dog's or cat's physical condition, the dog or cat should stand on a stable, non-slip surface, and the surrounding environment should be kept quiet to avoid stressing the animal.

4.3 Evaluators

4.3.1 Assessments for routine health care purposes should be conducted by animal owners and relevant practitioners.

4.3.2 Assessments for the purpose of diagnosis and treatment management should be conducted by veterinary professionals who possess the necessary skills and experience in scoring, in accordance with the assessment criteria of licensed veterinarians. It is carried out under supervision and guidance.

4.4 Application Each body condition assessment should evaluate both fat deposition and

muscle attachment. The results can be used for daily feeding and management. And disease prevention and screening.

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