



All Housecats Should Look Like Cheetahs

Cheetahs are the perfect weight. Any amount of being overweight has been linked to a decrease in life span and an increase in medical conditions. It is particularly important to strive to maintain a normal weight in your cat. It is hard to normalize weight once a cat is overweight thus it would be beneficial if we tried from the beginning of their life for a normal weight.



A cat should not have a big body in relation to their legs. Your cat should have the same size or thinner waist than the width of the ribs when standing or laying down. Also in this position, the ribs should feel like the back of your hand. The ribs should not be prominent with no tissue filling the gaps between or with more tissue overtop of the ribs. Continuing in this position, palpate the neck, shoulder blades, hips and spine. Often cats will have fat overlying the neck, shoulder blades and hips. None of these areas should have prominent bones, but this is especially noted on the spine. There should be no abdominal fat pad.

These cats are often called swiffer cats!

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