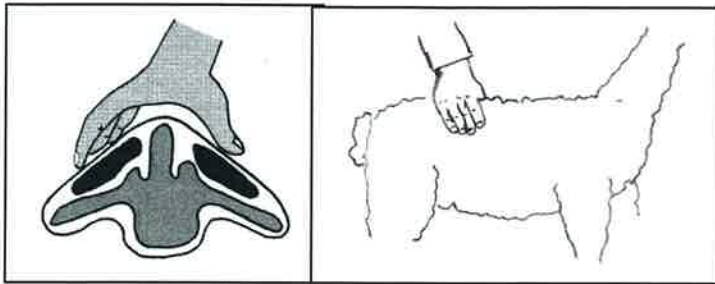


# PADDOCK CARD - BODY SCORING



**Body condition scoring – repeat regularly!**

- A quick, simple, and easy general health check
- ✓ FEEL the backbone as per diagram
  - ✓ *Keep a record of each body score*
  - ✓ Check the ribs at fibreless area behind elbow
  - ✓ Look at upper rear legs
  - ✓ Feel the chest
  - ✓ Look at front legs and chest

**Beware of sudden changes in body condition!**

	<h1 style="color: red;">1</h1>	<p><b>EMACIATED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- backbone area feels as tent with roof sucked inward</li> <li>- ribs are very easily felt</li> <li>- hard bony v-shaped chest, sternum extremely boney</li> <li>- very increased space between rear legs</li> <li>- very little muscle &amp; absolutely no fat</li> </ul> <p><b>contact your vet asap about this animal!</b></p>
	<h1 style="color: orange;">2</h1>	<p><b>THIN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- backbone area feels as tent with slightly drooping roof</li> <li>- ribs can be easily felt</li> <li>- hard chest with a slight v-shape, very little fat covering sternum</li> <li>- some increased space between rear legs</li> <li>- some loss of muscle</li> </ul>
	<h1 style="color: green;">3</h1>	<p><b>OPTIMAL (for adult huacaya )</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- backbone area feels as tightly spanned tent roof</li> <li>- ribs felt with slight pressure</li> <li>- firm muscular chest</li> <li>- chest makes straight line between front legs</li> </ul>
	<h1 style="color: orange;">4</h1>	<p><b>OVERWEIGHT (for adult huacaya alpaca)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- backbone area feels as tent with roof blown slightly outward</li> <li><i>(ideal for adolescent huacaya alpaca under one year old)</i></li> <li>- ribs felt with some pressure</li> <li>- somewhat rounded soft feeling chest</li> <li>- inner thighs smooth &amp; less defined</li> </ul> <p><b>consider restricting feed intake and/or discuss with vet</b></p>
	<h1 style="color: red;">5</h1>	<p><b>OBESE (for adult huacaya alpaca)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- backbone area feels like 2 sausages next to each other with ridge in the middle <i>(normal in suri and cria &lt;6 months)</i></li> <li>- firm pressure needed to feel ribs</li> <li>- rounded soft feeling chest</li> <li>- large area of contact between rear legs</li> <li>- little or no definition on inner thighs</li> <li>- may have difficulty walking properly</li> </ul> <p><b>consider restricting feed intake and/or discuss with vet</b></p>