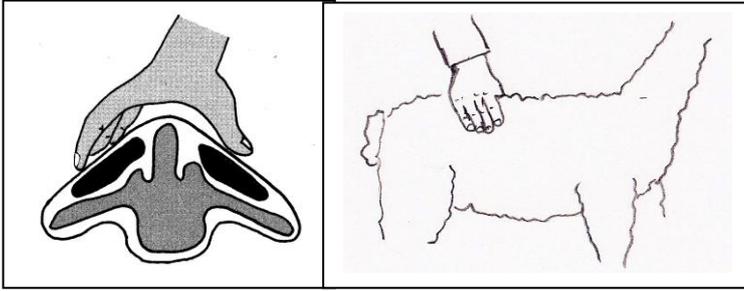


PADDOCK CARD - BODY SCORING

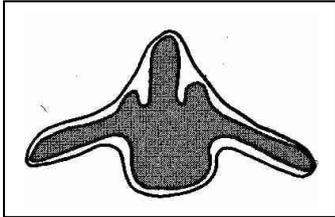
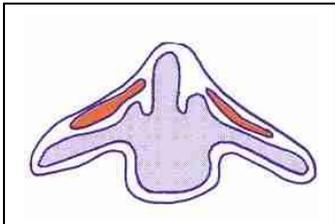
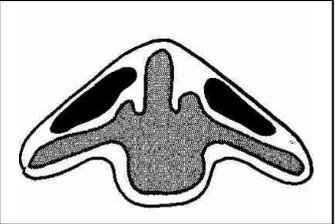
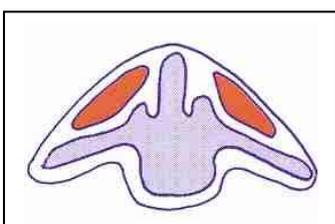
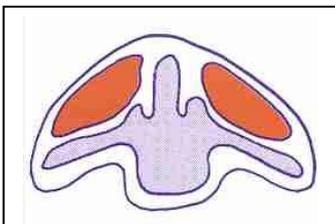


Body condition scoring – repeat regularly!

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

