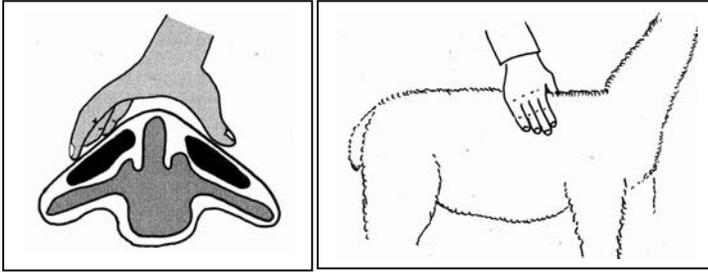


PADDOCK CARD - BODY SCORING



Alpaca condition or body scoring, a health check

Quick & simple to do & can easily be done on a regular basis



- ✓ Check the spine 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
- Score 1 requires vet inspection asap. Score 4 and 5 may require nutritional advice, or just a diet (no extra feed). **Beware of sudden changes in BS.**

	<h1>1</h1>	<p>EMACIATED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -very steep angle along spine & curves 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
	<h1>2</h1>	<p>THIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - spinal slope more that 45 degrees - 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>3</h1>	<p>OPTIMAL (for adult huacaya)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - about 45 degree angle along spine - ribs felt with slight pressure - firm muscular chest - chest makes straight line between front legs
	<h1>4</h1>	<p>OVERWEIGHT (for adult huacaya alpaca)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - convex shape between the backbone & upper ribs <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
	<h1>5</h1>	<p>OBESE (for adult huacaya alpaca)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - backbone looks flat <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

