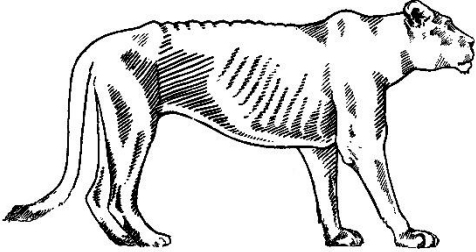
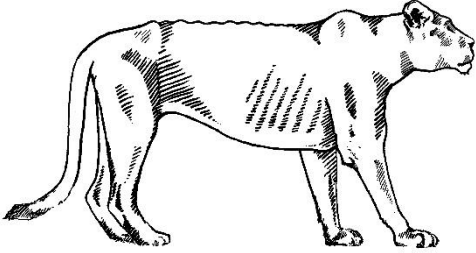
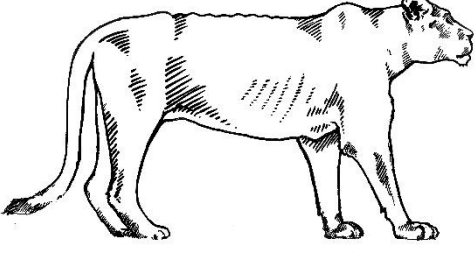
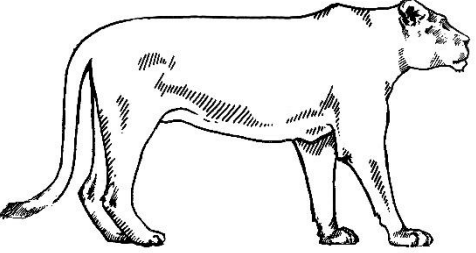
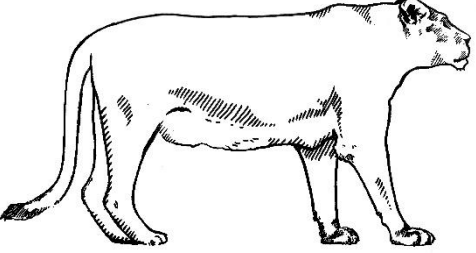


Body Condition Scores
For castrated African lions (*Panthera leo*)

<p>1 – Very thin:</p> <p>No visible fat or muscle coverage. Severe abdominal tuck. Vertebrae, ribs and top of hips all excessively defined.</p>	
<p>2 – Underweight:</p> <p>No visible fat or muscle mass. Pronounced abdominal tuck (NB, this may not be visible in individuals with excess skin). Vertebrae, ribs and top of hips all defined.</p>	
<p>3 – Ideal:</p> <p>Lean appearance. Obvious definition between shoulder, abdomen and pelvic regions. Visible abdominal tuck (NB, this may not be visible in individuals with excess skin). Vertebrae, ribs and top of hips visible. Minimal fat covering over ribs / abdominal region.</p>	
<p>4 – Overweight:</p> <p>Stored fat present at inner thigh, pelvic and abdominal region. Ribs not easily visible, poor abdominal tuck with moderate abdominal fat pad. Slight covering over vertebrae.</p>	
<p>5 – Obese:</p> <p>Obvious fatty deposits present around neck, face and limbs. Little to no definition between shoulder, abdomen and pelvic regions. Ribs not visible, no visible abdominal tuck with prominent abdominal fat pad.</p>	

Example 1: "Kumba"

Castrated male (date of castration unknown)

DOB - 08/05/2013



Age: 7

BCS: 2.5

Weight: 195kg

Description: Exaggerated limb definition. Spine, tailbone & hips prominent. Ribs visible. Lack of muscle cover.



Age: 7

BCS: 3.0

Weight: 202.5kg

Description: Neck, shoulder, thighs well defined. Spine, tailbone & hips just visible. Loose abdomen with some stored fat. Lack of muscle cover.



Age: 6

BCS: 4.5

Weight: 220kg

Description: No definition to shoulders. No tuck in abdomen. Large fatty deposits around neck & abdomen.

Example 2: Vigo

Castrated male (date of castration unknown)

DOB – 08/05/2013



Age: 7

BCS: 2.5

Weight: 171.5kg

Description: Exaggerated limb definition. Spine, tailbone & hips prominent. Ribs visible. Lack of muscle cover.



Age: 7

BCS: 3.0

Weight: 178.5kg

Description: Neck, shoulder, thighs well defined. Spine, tailbone & hips just visible. Loose abdomen with some stored fat. Lack of muscle cover.



Age: 6

BCS: 4.5

Weight: 204kg

Description: No definition to shoulders. No tuck in abdomen. Large fatty deposits around neck & abdomen.