

Pet Obesity Survey for Veterinarians

*** 1. Sex**

- Male
 Female

*** 2. Age**

- 18-25 36-45 56-65
 26-35 46-55 65+

*** 3. Zip code of your clinic (For relief vets, zip code of clinic you work most)**

*** 4. Type of practice (Check only one)**

- General small animal Mobile Mixed animal/exotics
 Emergency only Large animal/equine Specialty

Other (please specify)

***5. Do you perform a Body Condition Score (BCS) on every pet you examine?**

- Yes
- No

6. If you do perform a BCS on every pet, which scale system do you use?

- 1-5
- 1-9

7. If you do NOT perform a BCS on every pet, what are the reasons why? (Check all that apply)

- No time during the exam
- Only do if pet is underweight or Don't think it's that important
- Don't want to offend the client if overweight
- Only do for ill animals
- Other (please specify)

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* 8. Do you offer nutritional guidelines to owners?

- Yes
 No

9. If you do offer nutritional guidelines, in which situation do you offer guidelines? (Check all that apply)

- All animals
 Only overweight/obese pets with related health issues (ex: Diabetes mellitus, hip dysplasia)
 Only dogs
 Only cats
 All overweight/obese pets regardless of other health issues
 Only underweight pets
 Only animals with health issues, regardless of BCS (ex: renal failure)
 Only puppies and kittens

* 10. If you encounter an overweight/obese pet, how often do you address it to the client? (Check only one)

- Always
 Usually
 Occasionally
 Rarely

* 11. In your best estimation, what percentage of pets that you see are overweight/obese? (Check only one)

- 0-25%
 26-50%
 51-75%
 76-100%
 Don't know

* 12. In your best estimation, what percentage of overweight pets are owned by overweight clients? (Check only one)

- 0-25%
 26-50%
 51-75%
 76-100%
 Don't know

* 13. Does your clinic carry diet food for weight loss? (Prescription and non-prescription) (Check only one)

- Yes and I promote those diets
- No but I would like to
- Yes but I don't usually recommend them
- No

* 14. Have you ever successfully helped an overweight/obese pet lose weight? (Check only one)

- Yes
- Don't know
- No
- Never tried

* 15. Do you believe a pet can be a sentinel of its human family's health? (Check only one)

- Yes
- Don't know
- No

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Thank you for your participation on our survey. For questions or more information regarding our program, you may visit our site <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/>, email us at vet@ph.lacounty.gov or phone us at (213) 989-7060.