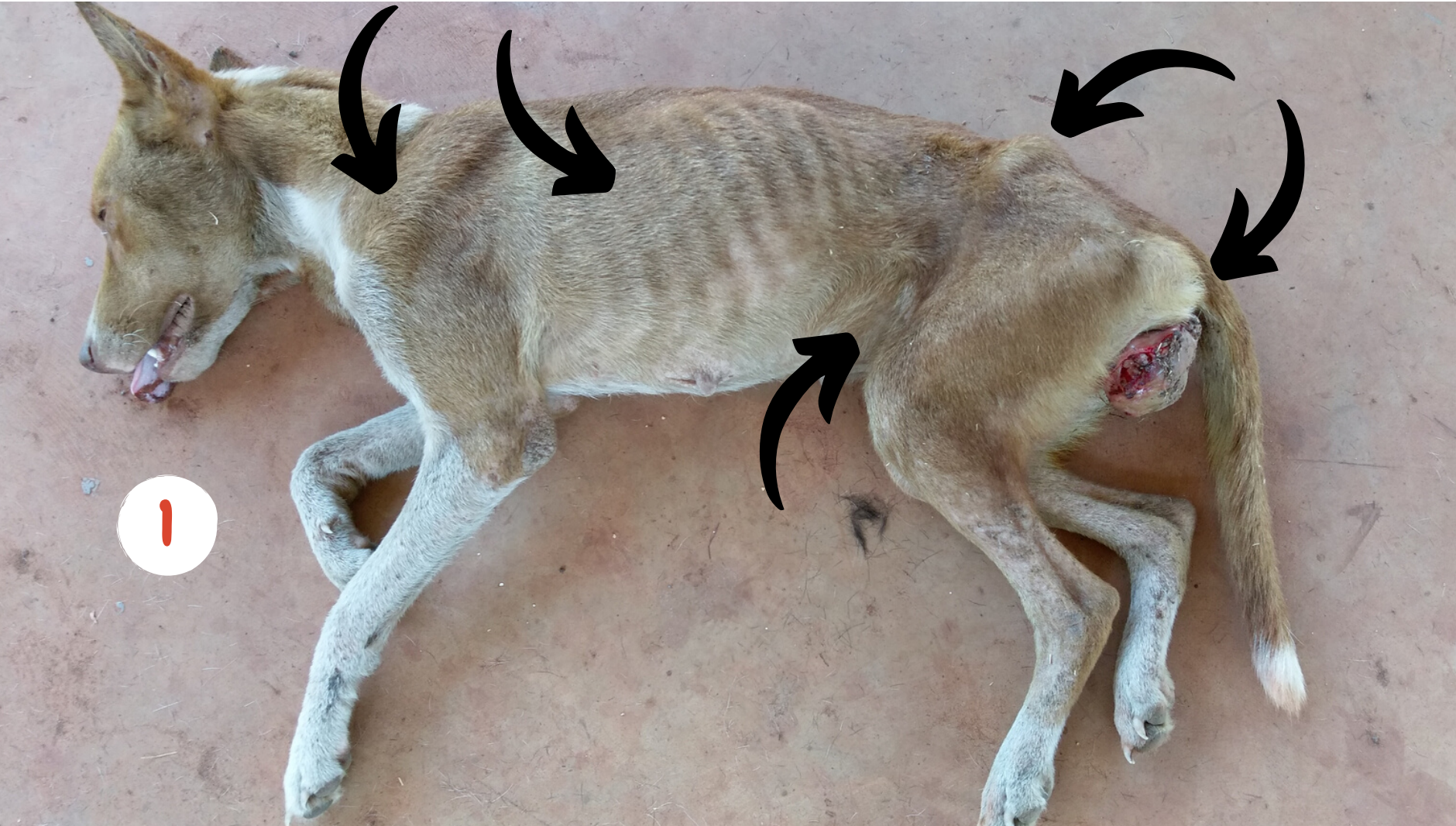


Dog Body Condition Scoring



Body Condition Score = 1
Very thin! Emaciated



- **Very boney –Spine, Ribs, Hips & Shoulders. Not much muscle.**
- **Very tucked waist. CTVT/cancer is making this dog very thin**

Body Condition Score = 3

A little bit thin



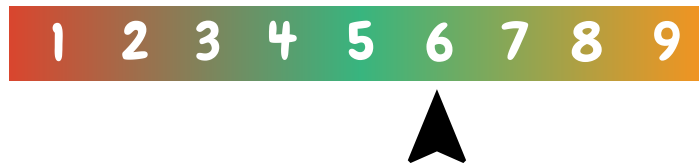
- **More than 2 ribs visible. Hips sticking out a bit.**
- **Waist tucked in.**

Body Condition Score = 5
Good



- **No bones visible – muscle layer covering shoulders, ribs & hips**
- **Waist still has a small tuck**

Body Condition Score = 6
Good



- **No bones visible – muscle layer covering shoulders, ribs & hips**
- **Waist still has a small tuck**

Body Condition Scores = 7 & 8
A bit fat (7) and fat (8)



- **No bones visible - fat layer covering shoulders, ribs & hips**
- **Straight along the sides - no waist when viewed from above**

Body Condition Score = 9

This dog is very fat! Obese!



- **No bones visible – thick layer of fat**
- **Round tummy and fat rolls**

Dog Skin Scoring



No skin problems



- **Healthy skin and full hair coat**
- **No hairloss or mange**

Skin Score = 1



- **Hair loss on about 20% of the dog's body**
- **Sometimes can look moth eaten**

Skin Score = 2



- **Hair loss on about 40% of the dog's body**

Skin Score = 3



- **Hair loss on about 60% of the dog's body**

Skin Score = 4



- Hair loss on about 80% of the dog's body

Skin Score = 5



5



- **Total hair loss, or crusting of the skin**

Dog Tick Scoring



Tick Score = 1



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- Only a few, mostly small ticks

Tick Score = 2



- **Some ticks, including some big pregnant female ticks**

Tick Score = 3



3



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- Many ticks, including many big pregnant female ticks
- Ticks in multiple places on dog's body

**With treatment for mange,
this dog's body condition score (BCS) and skin score (SS) improved heaps**



**BEFORE:
BCS 1
SS 5**



**AFTER:
BCS 6
SS 1**