



# **Body Condition Scoring of Rhinoceroses in Managed Care**

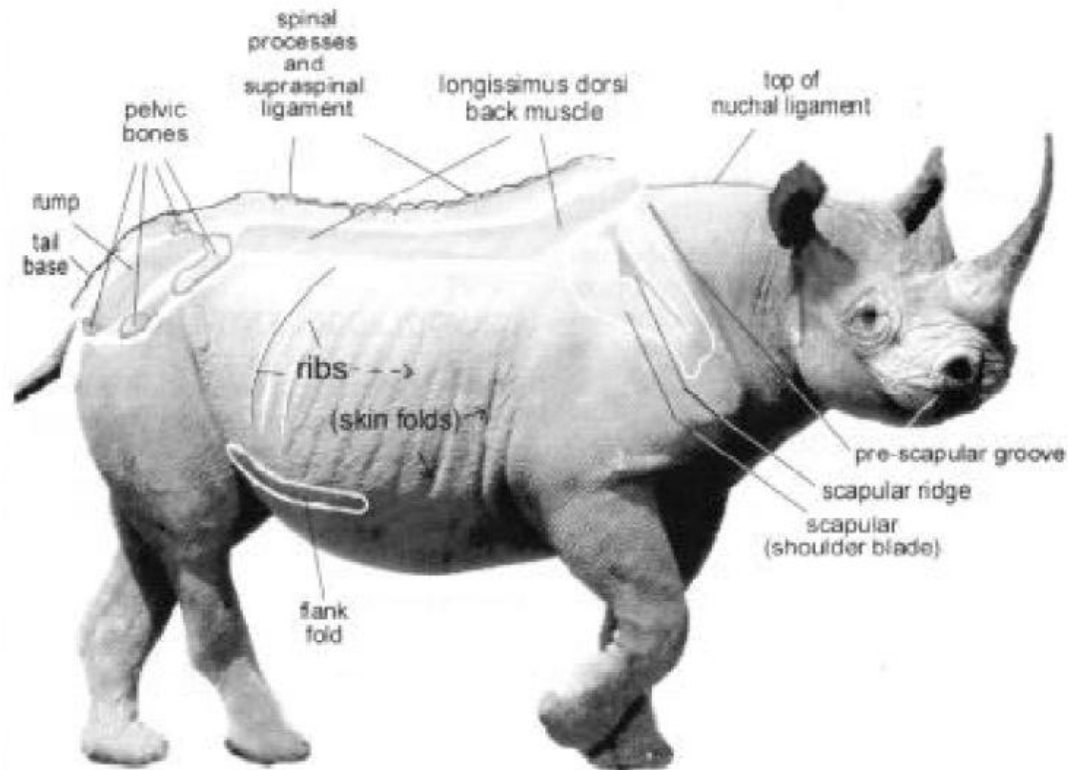
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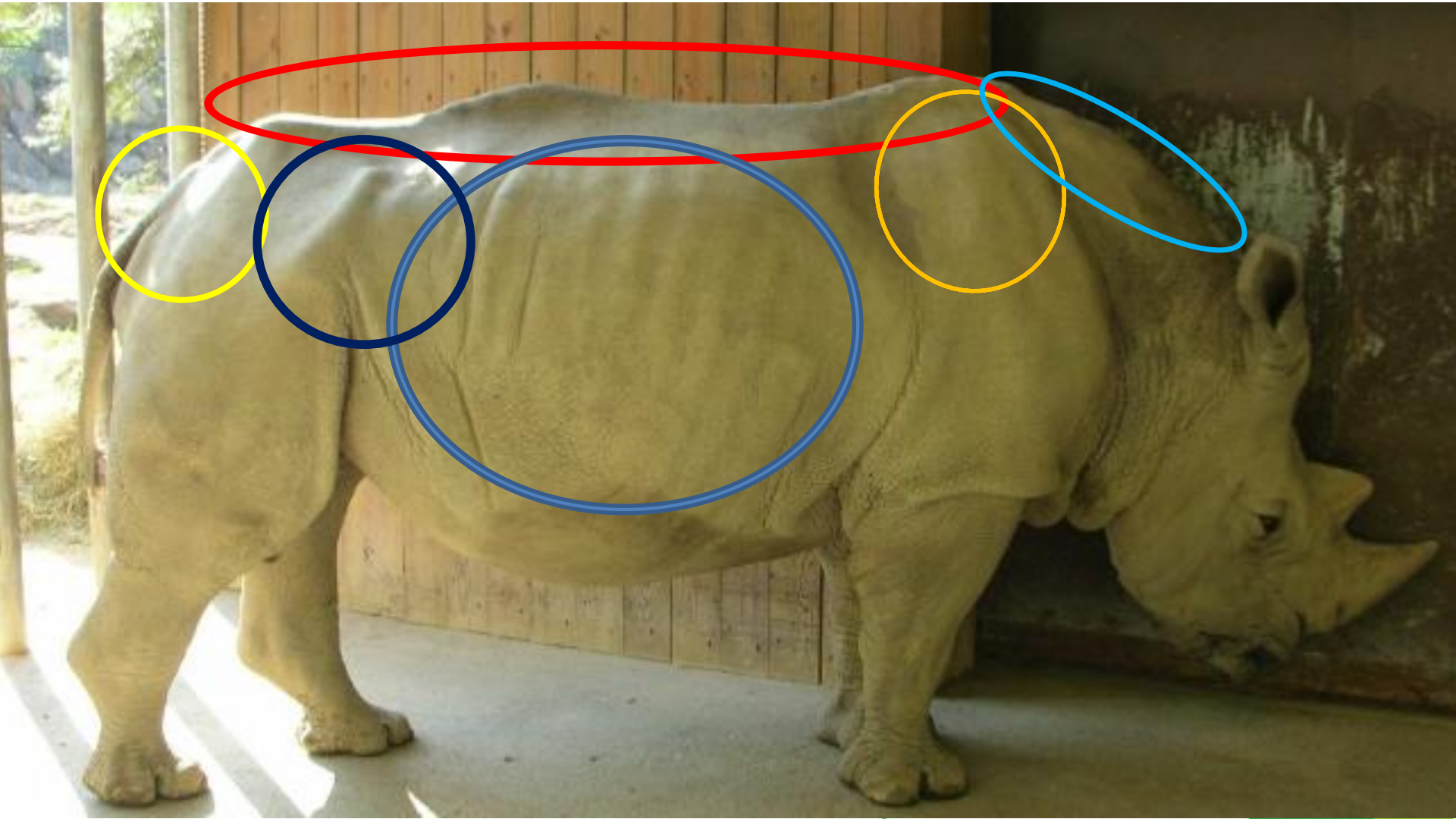
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# Body Condition Scoring (BCS)

- Visual assessment of specific parts of the body for muscle & fat content, which can be a useful indicator of general health & condition of an individual.



This is a Test. This is only a Test!

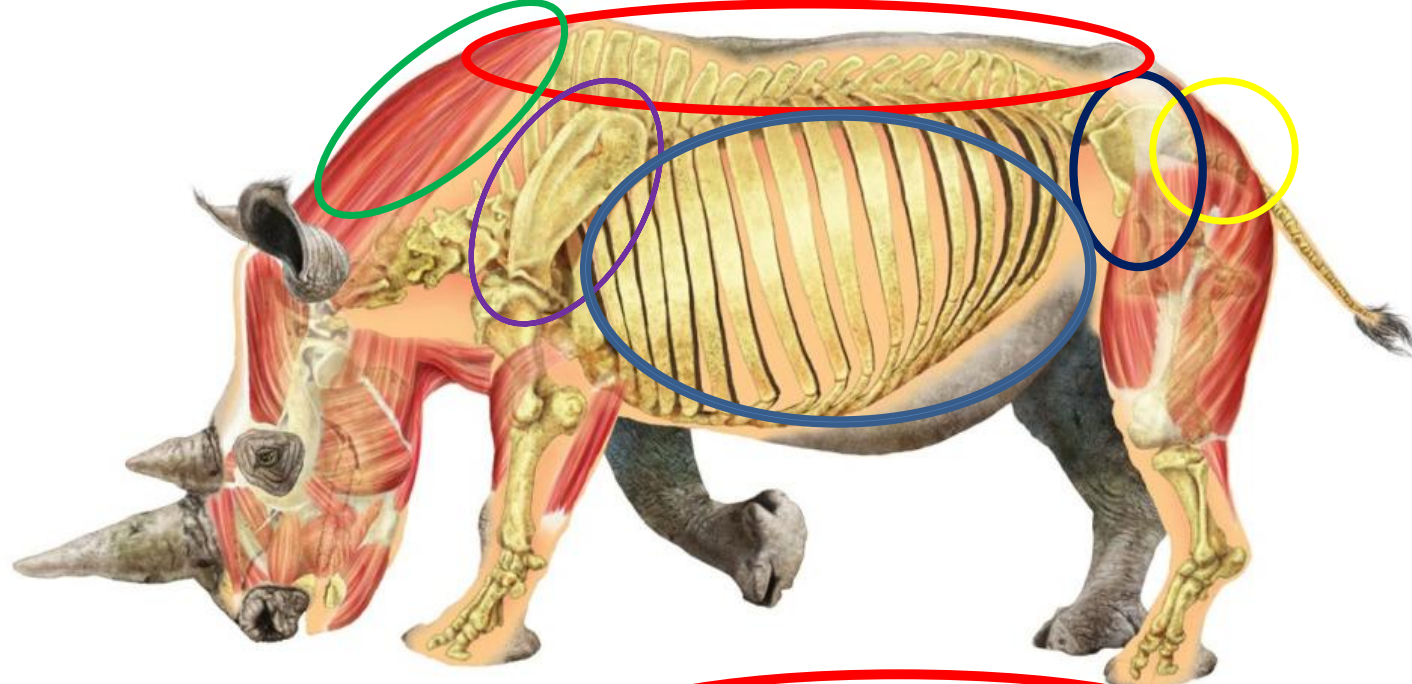


# BCS Assessment Activity

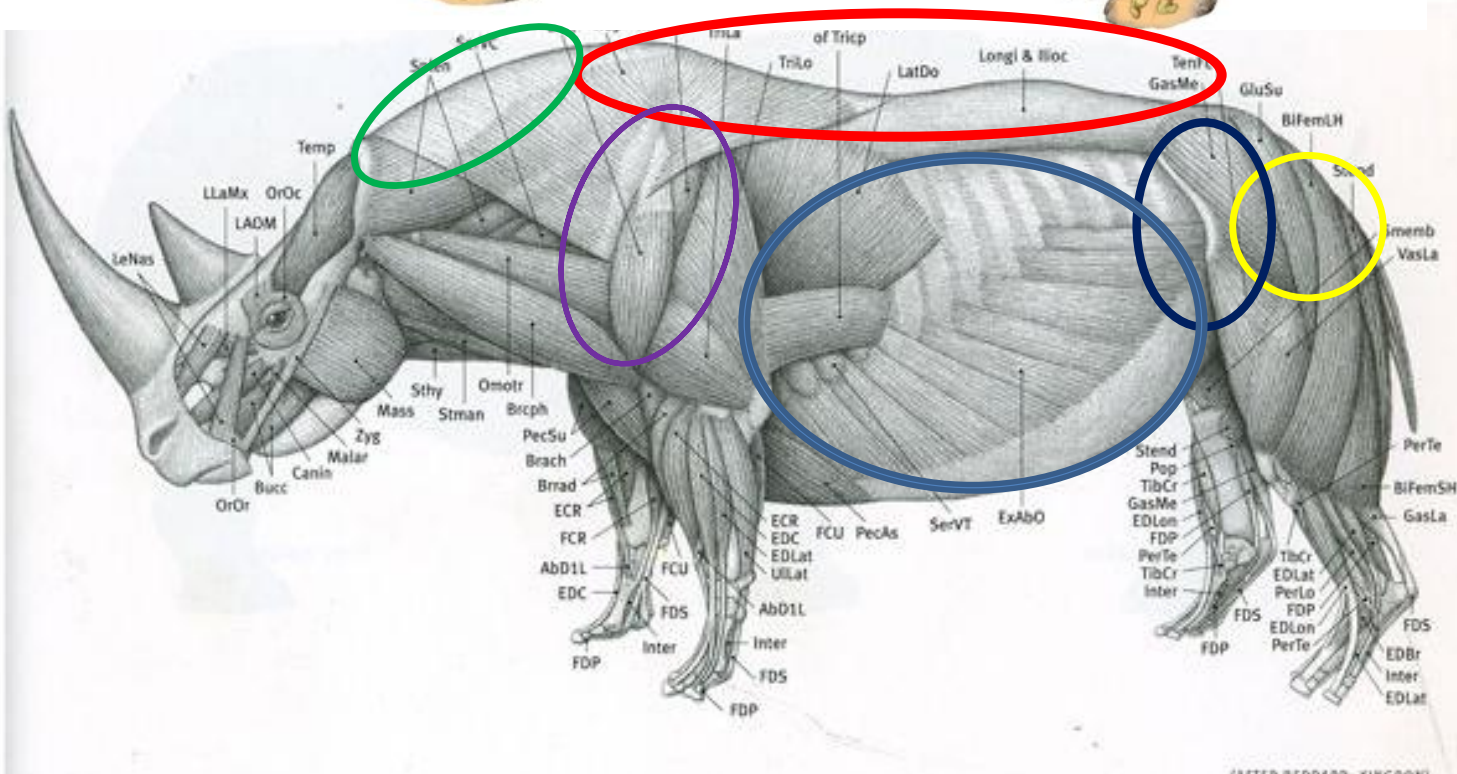
Rhino Photo #	Overall Assessment (Description: Thin, Average, or Overweight)	Ribs Visible? Yes = 0 No = 1	Spinal Ridge: Sharp = 0 Flat = 1 Rounded = 2	Tail Base: Sunken = 0 Flat = 1 Protruding = 2	Hips: Fully Visible = 0 Partially visible = 1 Not visible = 2	Scapula Visible? Yes = 0 No = 1	Neck Ridge: Narrow = 0 Dull = 1 Rounded = 2	Total Score
5	Average	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Overweight	1	1	1	2	1	2	8
15	Thin	2	2	2	1	1	2	10

- 1) Please write down the Rhino Photo Number.
- 2) BEFORE scoring- write down your overall assessment of the rhino (Thin, Average, Overweight).
- 3) Score each of the 6 regions of the rhino's body.
- 4) Add the scores for the 6 regions for a Total Score.
- 5) Please do this activity with at least 20 rhinos.





- 1) Tail Base
- 2) Hips
- 3) Spinal Ridge
- 4) Scapula
- 5) Neck Ridge
- 6) Ribs



# Thank You in Advance!

Please complete & turn in no later than Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.



Did any of the rhino(s) have anything “special” occurring in the photo(s)?  
*Prizes may be involved!*