





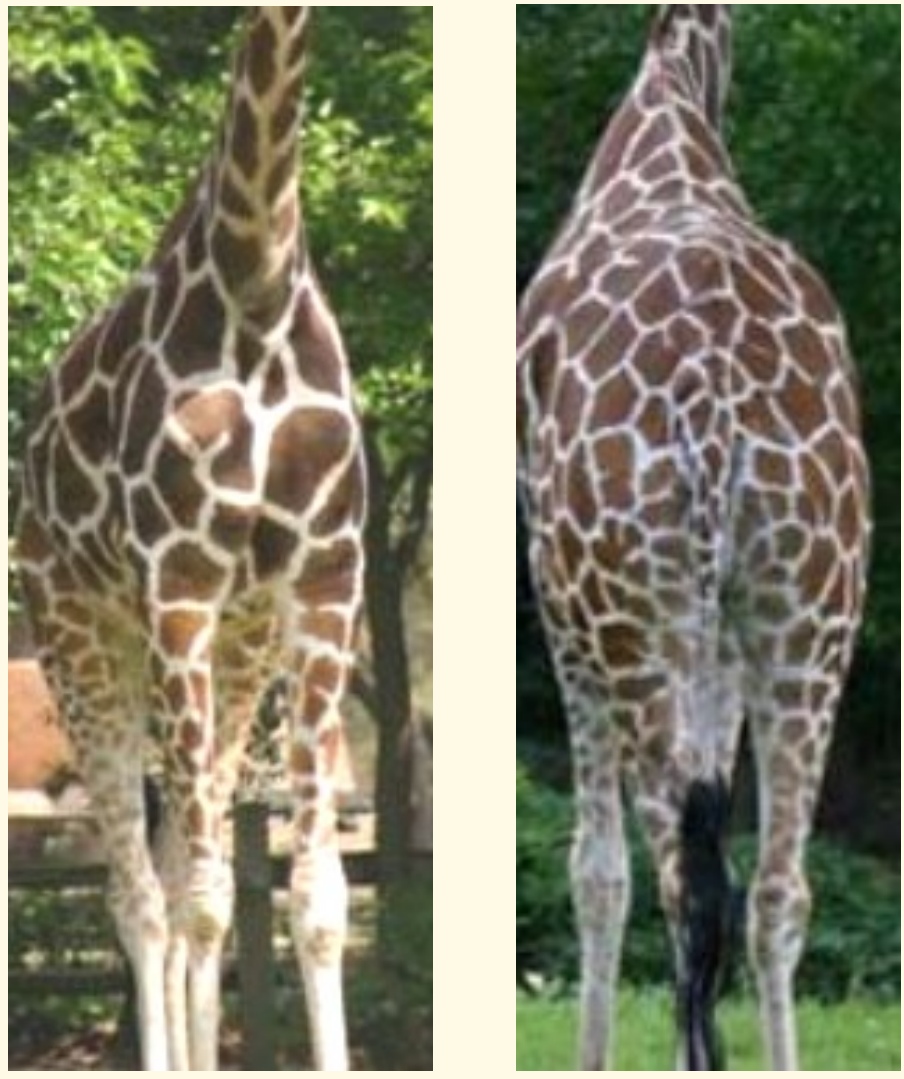


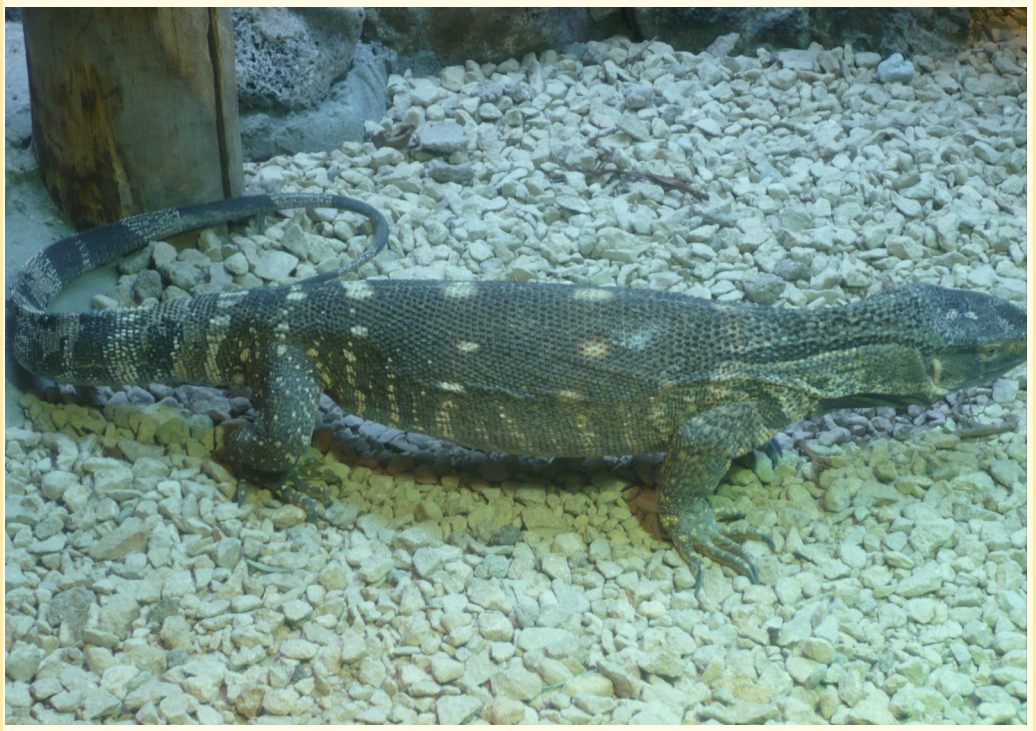





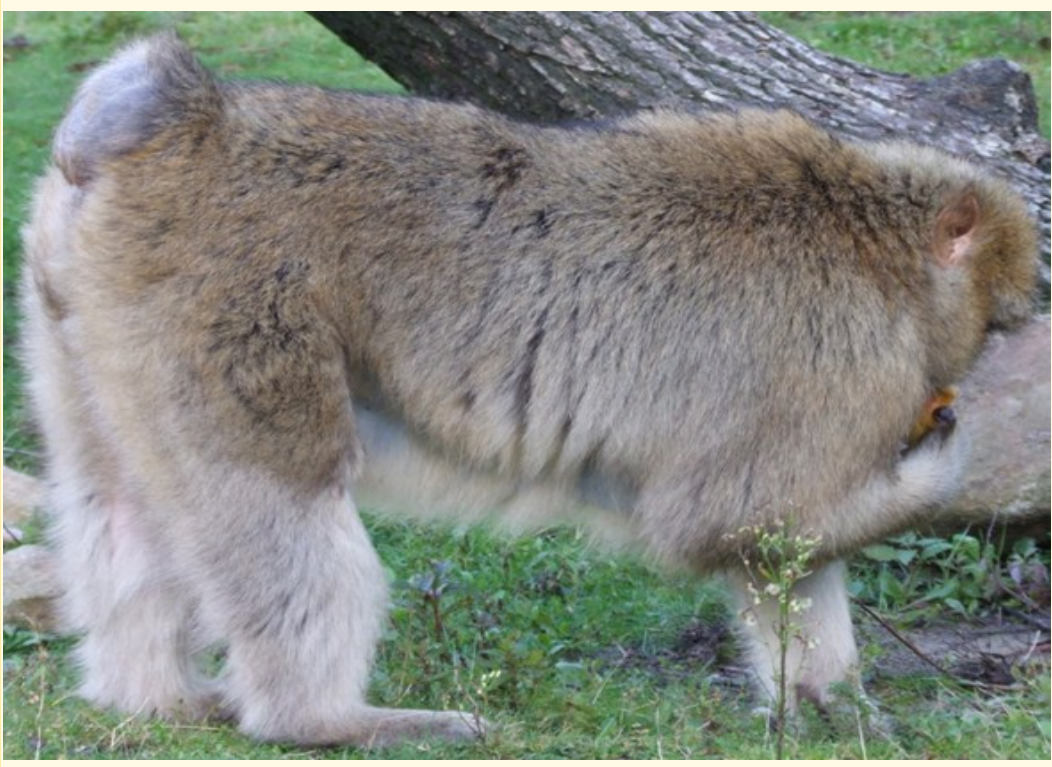




## BODY CONDITION SCORE

As it is difficult to regularly weigh zoo animals, one needs to visually assess whether the animal is overweight or too thin. To aid this assessment, the Body Condition Score (BCS) has been developed.

Often a scoring system of 5 points is used, with score 3 reflecting an ideal situation. Assessing BCS from photos is tricky!

Species	Giraffe <i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	Lion <i>Panthera leo</i>	Elephant <i>Elephas maximus</i> <i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Savannah Monitor <i>Varanus spp.</i>	Barbary Macaque <i>Macaca sylvanus</i>
<b>Condition</b>					
<b>BCS 1 Very thin</b> Animal is emaciated and bone structure is clearly visible in all areas.					
<b>BCS 2 Thin</b> Thin neck and shoulders, bone structure discernible, small amount of fat deposit present.					
<b>BCS 3 Ideal</b> Thick neck and shoulders, ribs not discernible, flat hips, fat deposits present.					
<b>BCS 4 Overweight</b> Thick neck and shoulders, ribs not discernible, round hips, accumulation of fat deposits.					
<b>BCS 5 Obese</b> Neck blends into shoulders, broad backside, very round hips, much accumulation of fat deposits.	