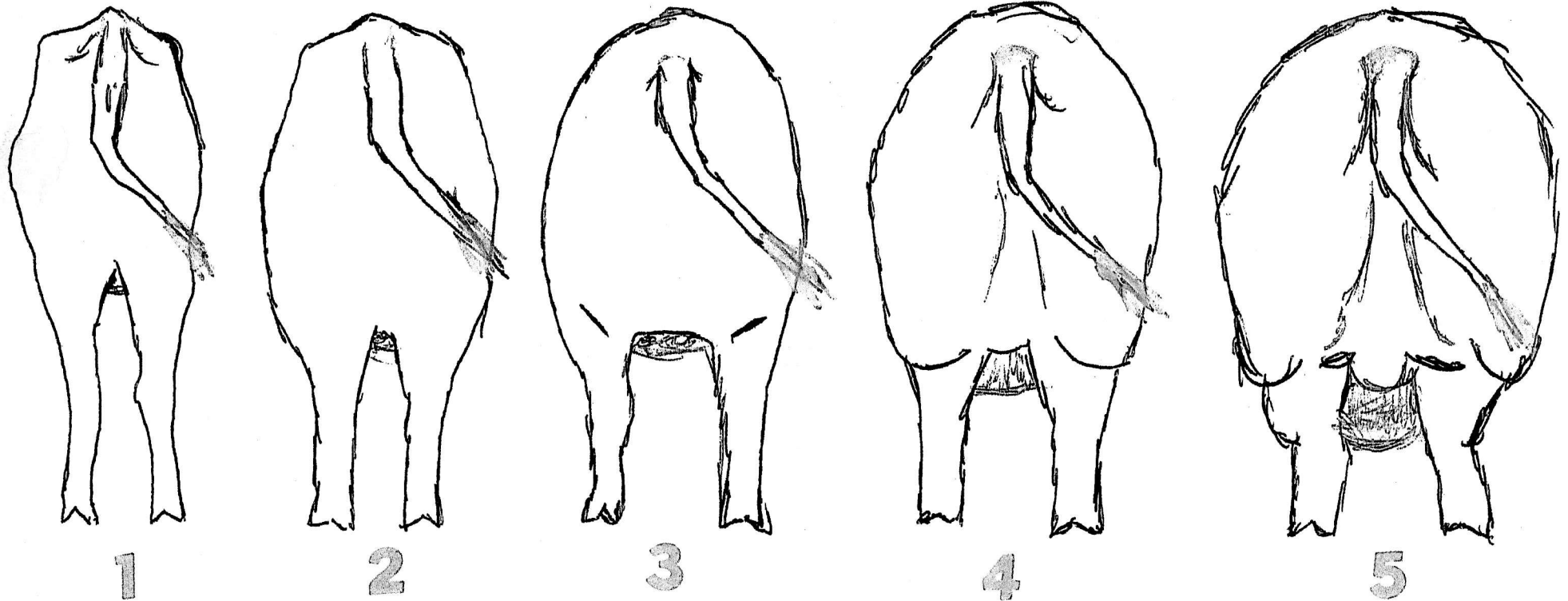


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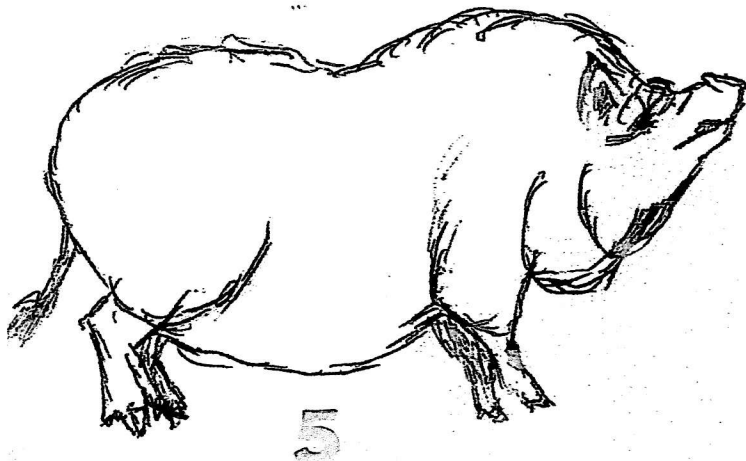
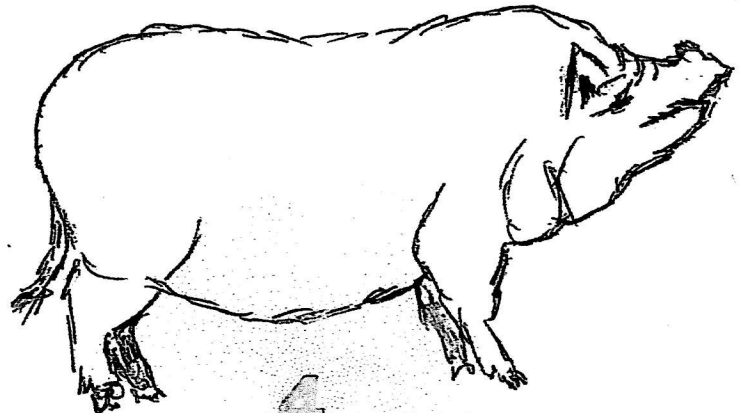
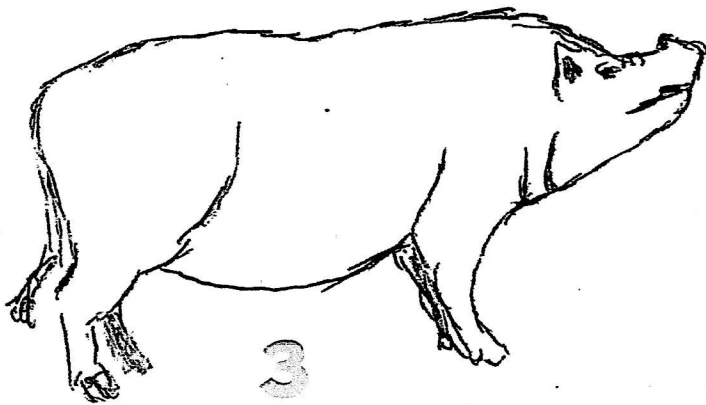
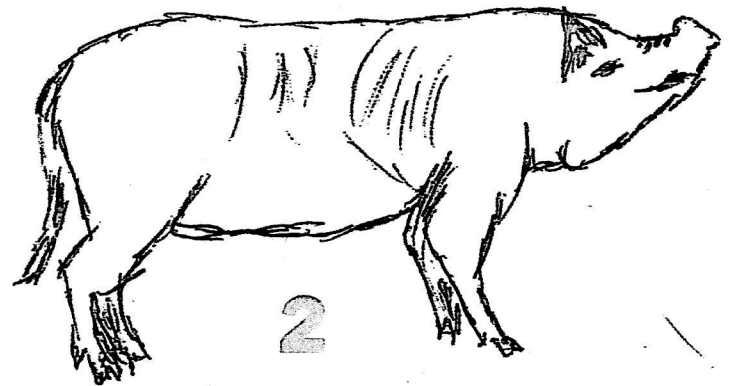
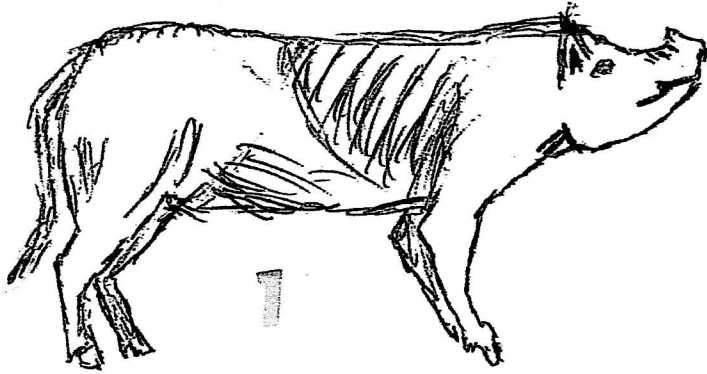
(Posterior View)



(Fig. 1)

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(Lateral View)



(Fig. 2)

Body Condition Score for Miniature Potbellied Pig

An ideal BCS score is 3-3.5

	1	2	3	4	5
Head	Eyes have sunken or dull appearance. Skin appears thin and shrunken. No padding over jaw, easily visible jaw bone.	Skin may appear shrunken but has some flesh. Very little padding on jaw line, but is slightly rounded.	Eyes bright and margins visible. Jowl has small amount of fat covering a well rounded jaw line. Facial folds are visible.	Heavily padded jaw line that protrudes laterally and sag with heavy wrinkles.	Thick neck and heavy, bulging, creased jowls. Eye margins obscured by rolls of fat. Ears may protrude slightly.
Ribs	Clearly visible, fingers easily fall between.	Very little covering and easily felt. May be able to slightly see rib.	Not visible, but easily felt below a small amount of covering. Do not mistake skin wrinkles for ribs.	Not visible, difficult or impossible to feel.	Not visible with large fat pad. Cannot be felt. Thick rolls of fat visible.
Belly	Sunken in slightly when viewed from above and side. General poor appearance.	Does not protrude laterally but is not tucked in when viewed from above. Not rounded when viewed from side. May have slight depression in lumbar area.	When viewed from side has a potbellied appearance that is carried well above ground and does not interfere with movement. Top line is swayed. When viewed from above is not rounded but protrudes slightly lateral. Skin may be wrinkled.	Hangs heavily when viewed from side nearly to feet of pig. When viewed from above the belly appears rounded and protrudes laterally. Heavy appearance. Skin may be wrinkled or creased. Top line is flattened from excess fat.	Large, bulging, rounded belly touching the ground when viewed from the side. May appear rolled. Back line is straight due to excessive fat deposited on top-line. When viewed from above appears very rounded and protrudes away from body.
Tail/Rump	Tail-head and spine visible and protruding.	Slight flesh covering over spine and tail-head. Can see a slight protuberance of spine. Bones are easily felt.	Slight fat coverage, with a smooth line flowing into tail, rump is rounding into hock.	Well padded, may have some wrinkles or creases. Rump is excessively rounded and top line is elevated due to heavy fat coverage. Rump hangs to legs and meets in a thick crease.	Thick padding over tail-head, rolls and wrinkles may be present with crease on midline.
Neck	Very little flesh covering. Tucks in behind jaw line.	Little padding covering but blends into jaw line.	Lines flow smoothly to shoulder and body. Not humped or mounded above top line. Skin may be naturally wrinkled, without heavy fat rolls.	Bulges to sides, thick fat pad behind ears. Deep wrinkles or creases over fat pad.	Thick heavy rolls that bulge to the side. May have mounded appearance or humped on top. Cannot feel shoulder bone.
Hips	Clearly visible, sunken appearance. Skin appears taught over bones.	Hip bones easily felt and are slightly visible.	Hips are well covered but hip bones can be felt with slight pressure.	Thickly covered, difficult or impossible to feel hip bones.	Thickly padded and bulging above leg. Cannot feel hip bones. Thick crease as rump hanging with rolls to legs.