

# Elk & Wapiti Velvet Grading Guidelines

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Minimum Weight	4 kg
Minimum Circumference	Must exceed 20 cm at all points on the beam
Must have Indentation	2.5 cm to 10 cm (note 1)

## HYGIENE

Remember - velvet is a health food and should be handled and stored in a clean and hygienic manner.

## ANIMAL WELFARE

Velvet removal is a Controlled Surgical Procedure and may only be performed by a Vet, or an approved person under the National Velveting Standards Body programme. Phone 04 473 4500 for more information.  
Illegal velvet removal is an offence under the Animal Welfare Act 1999.



SHORT



MEDIUM



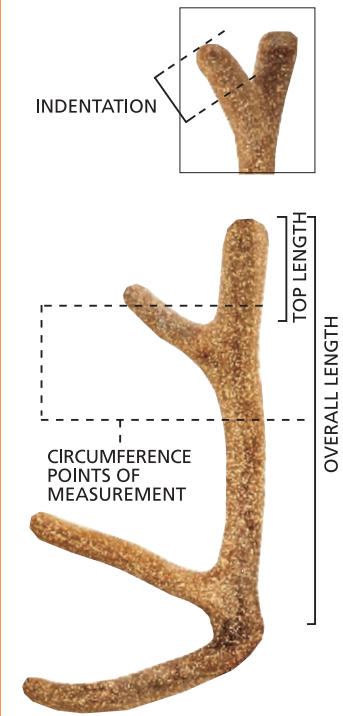
LONG TOP



OUTGROWN



MEASUREMENTS



	Minimum Weight	Circumference Minimum	SHORT			MEDIUM			LONG TOP		OUTGROWN (note 5)		DAMAGED				
			Top Length Maximum	Overall Length Maximum	Indentation (note 1)	Top Length	Overall Length Minimum	Indentation (note 1)	Top Length	Indentation (note 1) Maximum	Top Length	Indentation	Grade	Repairable skin damage	Broken bottom tynes	Non repairable skin damage	Broken beam or trez
<b>EW1</b>	3 kg (note 2)	19 cm	<b>EW1S</b> 21 cm (note 3)	65 cm	(Refer note 4)	<b>EW1M</b> 21 cm (note 3)	65 cm	(Refer note 4)	<b>EW1LT</b> 21 - 31 cm (note 3)	(Refer note 4)	> 31 cm (note 3) or	Any (note 4)	<b>EW1</b>	EWDam 1	EWDam 1	EWDam 2	EWDam 3
<b>EW2</b>	2.5 kg (note 2)	18 cm	<b>EW2S</b> 21 cm	60 cm	(Refer note 4)	<b>EW2M</b> 21 cm	60 cm	(Refer note 4)	<b>EW2LT</b> 21 - 31 cm	(Refer note 4)	> 31 cm or	Any (note 4)	<b>EW2</b>	EWDam 1	EWDam 1	EWDam 2	EWDam 3
<b>EW3</b>	2 kg (note 2)	16 cm	<b>EW3S</b> 19 cm	55 cm	None	<b>EW3M</b> 19 cm	55 cm	None	<b>EW3LT</b> 19 - 29 cm	None	> 29 cm or	Any (note 4)	<b>EW3</b>	EWDam 1	EWDam 1	EWDam 2	EWDam 3
<b>EW4</b>	1.5 kg	14.5 cm	<b>EW4S</b> 16 cm	50 cm	None	<b>EW4M</b> 16 cm	50 cm	None	<b>EW4LT</b> 16 - 26 cm	None	> 26 cm or	Any (note 4)	<b>EW4</b>	EWDam 2	EWDam 2	EWDam 3	EWDam 3

**Notes**  
 EW velvet may be downgraded for poor conformation including excessive overall length regardless of time of cutting.  
 (1) Indentation is measured along the length of the royal from the tip of the royal to the bottom of the fork.  
 (2) Recommended Minimum Weight only.  
 (3) Top Length for EW1 increases in proportion with circumference. Examples: Circumference of 19 cm = Top Length of 21 cm. Circumference of 19.5 cm = Top Length of 21.5 cm.  
 (4) Slight indenting in EW Short, Medium and Long Top may not necessarily be downgraded, but must be in balance and not overgrown.  
 (5) Elk/Wapiti Outgrown contains EW grade velvet which exceeds permitted indentation or maximum top lengths. This grade may be divided when offered for sale to account for different styles of EWOG velvet within the grade.

## Notes on measurements

**Circumference**  
 Circumference is taken as the lesser measurement of the circumference of the beam measured on the clear beam:  
 • immediately above the trez tyne  
 • midway between the top of the stick and the top of the inside cut.

'Clear' means that the measurement is not to be taken where webbing from a tyne or other growth on the antler would interfere with the measurement. The objective is to get a measurement representative of the average circumference of the beam.

**Top Length**  
 Top length is measured between the top of the stick and the bottom of the fork where the trez meets the beam.

**Overall Length**  
 Overall length is measured from the top of the stick to the top of the inside cut.

**Indentation**  
 Indentation is measured along the length of the longest royal from the tip of the royal to the bottom of the fork where the royal meets the beam.



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