

**Table 3. Terminal body and carcass weights in *III8<sup>-/-</sup>* and WT mice**

	Female				Male			
	Young adult		Mature		Young adult		Mature	
	WT, n = 7	<i>III8<sup>-/-</sup></i> , n = 8	WT, n = 5	<i>III8<sup>-/-</sup></i> , n = 10	WT, n = 7	<i>III8<sup>-/-</sup></i> , n = 11	WT, n = 6	<i>III8<sup>-/-</sup></i> , n = 6
Body weight, g*	19.76 ± 0.42	22.74 ± 0.97	23.30 ± 0.20	29.31 ± 1.24	26.42 ± 0.96	30.34 ± 1.13	30.88 ± 1.84	35.80 ± 1.15
Carcass weight, g*	14.96 ± 0.41	18.13 ± 1.13	17.03 ± 0.53	23.07 ± 1.42	20.84 ± 0.92	25.2 ± 0.83	23.75 ± 1.49	29.47 ± 1.22

Data express mean ± SEM. Whole bodies and eviscerated decapitated carcasses from *III8<sup>-/-</sup>* mice were heavier in male and female *III8<sup>-/-</sup>* mice as compared to WT controls by young adulthood (18 weeks), continuing into maturity (males: 35 weeks, females: 28 weeks of age). Values for male and female *III8<sup>-/-</sup>* (\*) were greater than respective WT mice.  $P < 0.05$  (Student's and Welch's *t* tests for groups with equal and unequal variance, respectively).