FAECAL SCORE GUIDE

Use these faecal scoring systems to assess the stool quality of dogs, puppies and cats.

Score stools individually from 1 (formed and dry) to 5 (liquid). When consistency of the stools is not homogeneous, record the higher score.
**FAECAL SCORING SYSTEM FOR DOGS**

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HARD, DRY, CRUMBLY STOOL
(crumbs) It tends to split apart rather than being crushed.

DRY, VERY CLEARLY DEFINED CRACKS
The outside is very dry and the inside is almost dry. Leaves no residue on the ground when picked up.
**CLEARLY DEFINED SHAPE WITH VISIBLE CRACKS**

It leaves very little residue on the ground when picked up.

**MOIST STOOL STARTING TO LOSE SHAPE AND CRACKS**

This stools “components” are less separate and the cracks are still visible.
FAECAL SCORING SYSTEM FOR DOGS

3.5
MOIST STOOL WITH NO CRACKS
The stool still has a distinct shape. This stools different “components” stick to one another.

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MOIST STOOL WITH LITTLE CONSISTENCY AND NO REAL SHAPE
It holds water well. No floating “stool-water” is visible.
FAECAL SCORING SYSTEM
FOR DOGS

4.5
LIQUID STOOL WITH MINIMAL
CONSISTENCY

5
ENTIRELY LIQUID STOOL
(No texture)
FAECAL SCORING SYSTEM
FOR SMALL & MEDIUM PUPPIES

Too Hard/Too Soft: FORMED, DRY AND HARD FAECES
Acceptable: FORMED DRY BUT NOT HARD FAECES
Optimal: SOFTER ONES ARE SLIGHTLY STICKY

1  FORMED, DRY AND HARD FAECES

2  FORMED DRY BUT NOT HARD FAECES
   SOFTER ONES ARE SLIGHTLY STICKY

2.5  SOFT FORMED FAECES

3  SOFT UNFORMED FAECES

4  SOFT UNFORMED FAECES

4.5  LIQUID FAECES ASSOCIATED WITH SOFT FAECES

5  LIQUID FAECES

More detail on pages 7 - 9
FORMED, DRY AND HARD FAECES

Cylindrical shape faeces, dry appearance, separated in pellets. Harder ones can be deformed with some difficulty (fig. II) or more easily (fig. III).

SOFTER ONES ARE SLIGHTLY STICKY
(fig. IV)
FAECAL SCORING SYSTEM
FOR SMALL & MEDIUM PUPPIES

2.5

SOFT FORMED FAECES
Formed but very soft faeces. Cylindrical shape separated in pellets (fig. V) or with presence of stria (fig. VI). Softer ones are pasty, still cylindrical in shape but no stria (fig. VIII).

3

SOFT UNFORMED FAECES
Faeces mainly unformed with a small formed part (fig. VIII) or pasty unformed faeces (fig. IX & X). In some cases (fig. IX) a cylindrical shape is visible (a) but is not maintained due to the high humidity.

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IF 7 WEEKS OLD OR LESS

IF 8 WEEKS OLD OR MORE
LIQUID FAECES ASSOCIATED WITH SOFT FAECES
The main part of the faeces is represented by soft (fig. XI) or liquid (fig. XII) faeces.
## Faecal Scoring System for Large & Giant Puppies

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FAECAL SCORING SYSTEM
FOR LARGE & GIANT PUPPIES

1

FORMED, DRY AND HARD FAECES

2

FORMED, DRY BUT NOT HARD FAECES

Cylindrical shape faeces, dry appearance, separated in pellets. Harder ones can be deformed with some difficulty (fig. II) or more easily (fig. III).

SOFTER ONES ARE SLIGHTLY STICKY
(fig. IV)
SOFT FORMED FAECES
Formed but very soft faeces. Cylindrical shape separated in pellets (fig. V) or with presence of stria (fig. VI). Softer ones are pasty, still cylindrical in shape but no stria (fig. VIII).

SOFT UNFORMED FAECES
Faeces mainly unformed with a small formed part (fig. VIII) or pasty unformed faeces (fig. IX & X). In some cases (fig. IX) a cylindrical shape is visible [a] but is not maintained due to the high humidity.
LIQUID FAECES ASSOCIATED WITH SOFT FAECES
The main part of the faeces is represented by soft (fig. XI) or liquid (fig. XII) faeces.
FAECAL SCORING SYSTEM
FOR CATS

1. HARD, DRY, CRUMBLY STOOL
2. FORMED HARD STOOL
2.5. FORMED, FIRM STOOL
3. UNFORMED STOOL, SOFT BUT WITH SOME SHAPE
4. VERY SOFT STOOL
5. LIQUID STOOL

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FAECAL SCORING SYSTEM
FOR CATS

1 HARD, DRY, CRUMBLY STOOL
(crumbs)
Crushing the stool leaves no mark. It tends to split apart rather than being crushed.

2 FORMED, HARD STOOL
This stool has clearly defined cracks. The outside is very dry and the inside is almost dry (unlike the score 2.5 stool, which is softer). When pressure is put on the stool, separate small pieces break off along the cracks. Leaves no residue on the ground when picked up.
FAECAL SCORING SYSTEM FOR CATS

2.5
FORMED, FIRM STOOL
This stool has a clearly defined shape with visible cracks. Its surface may be slightly damp but is still well formed. When pressure is applied the stool is crushed, although you will feel some resistance, unlike the score 3 stool. It leaves very little residue on the ground when picked up.

3
UNFORMED STOOL, SOFT BUT WITH SOME SHAPE
A moist stool with no cracks. It still has a distinct shape when compared to the score 4 stool. This stool’s different “components” stick to one another. Leaves residue on the ground when picked up.
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FAECAL SCORING SYSTEM
FOR CATS

4

VERY SOFT STOOL
Very wet, but not liquid stool. When compared to the score 5 stool, this stool retains the water that is nevertheless visible between its different constituent parts.

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LIQUID STOOL
Entirely liquid stool (no texture) or liquid stool with minimal consistency.
MAKE EVERY MOUTHFUL COUNT

Tailored nutritional solutions to support cats and dogs with digestive disorders and during critical care