

Fecal Scoring Chart

SCORE	SPECIMEN EXAMPLE	CHARACTERISTICS
1		<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Very hard and dry· Often expelled as individual pellets· Requires much effort to expel from body· Leaves no residue on ground when picked up
2		<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Firm, but not hard, pliable· Segmented in appearance· Little or no residue on ground when picked up
3		<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Log shaped, moist surface· Little or no visible segmentation· Leaves residue on ground, but holds form when picked up
4		<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Very moist and soggy· Log shaped· Leaves residue on ground and loses form when picked up
5		<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Very moist but has a distinct shape· Present in piles rather than logs· Leaves residue on ground and loses form when picked up
6		<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Has texture, but no defined shape· Present as piles or spots· Leaves residue on ground when picked up
7		<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Watery· No texture· Present in flat puddles

Nutritional Management of Canine GI Health

CHARACTERISTICS	SMALL BOWEL DIARRHEA	LARGE BOWEL DIARRHEA
Defecation frequency	Normal	Increased
Fecal volume	Large	Small
Fecal quality	Very watery to semi-formed (typical score 6, 7)	Semi-formed, gelatinous (typical score 4, 5)
Frequent urges to defecate	No	Usually
Tenesmus (straining)	No	Usually
Blood in feces	Dark, old blood, tarry	Bright red, fresh looking
Mucus in feces	Rarely	Frequently
Fatty stool	Sometimes	No

Recommended
Formulas

