

Your kitten's poop tells you a lot about how they are handling their food and about their overall health. Below are two guides to help you assess the deposits in your kitten's litter box.

Appendix G - Guide to the Rainbow of Poop		
Color:	Visual cues:	What to do:
Bloody	A small amount of blood is normal and should pass in a day or two.	Monitor. If it continues more than 24 hours, call Kitten Central.
Mucous	Yellowish/white/clear slimy substance. Often found in newborns.	Treatment is Pen G injection. Call Kitten Central.
Black	True dark black color to stool. Usually indicates bleeding high in the bowel.	Call Kitten Central for advice
Brown	Normal color. Be happy!!	Do a 'Happy Dance'.
Orange	Usually indicates too much bile in the stool; can occur with reflux.	Treatment is Pepcid. Call Kitten Central.
Yellow	Almost always indicates bacterial imbalance in the bowel. If the kitten also has diarrhea, usually related to coccidian.	Treatment can be Marquis Paste or Panacur/Flagyl combination. Call Kitten Central.
White	Grossly abnormal color, usually indicates severe bacterial imbalance and severe infection in the bowel.	Treatment is Clavamox with FortiFlora. Call Kitten Central.

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FECAL SCORE CHART

Fecal consistency is primarily a function of the amount of moisture in the stool and can be used to identify changes in colonic health and other problems. Ideally, in a healthy animal, stools should be firm but not hard, pliable and segmented, and easy to pick up (Score 2).



Score 1
Very hard and dry; requires much effort to expel from the body; no residue left on ground when picked up. Often expelled as individual pellets.



Score 2
Firm, but not hard; should be pliable; segmented in appearance; little or no residue left on ground when picked up.



Score 3
Log-like; little or no segmentation visible; moist surface; leaves residue, but holds firm when picked up.



Score 4
Very moist (soggy); distinct log shape visible; leaves residue and loses form when picked up.



Score 5
Very moist but has distinct shape (piles rather than distinct logs); leaves residue and loses form when picked up.



Score 6
Has texture, but no defined shape; occurs as piles or as spots; leaves residue when picked up.



Score 7
Watery, no texture, flat; occurs as puddles. Leaves residue.