



# FECAL SCORING SYSTEM FOR ADULT DOGS



## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Score stools individually from 1 (formed and dry) to 5 (liquid).  
When consistency of the stools is not homogenous, record the higher score.

▶ **TOO HARD/  
TOO SOFT**

▶ **ACCEPTABLE**

▶ **OPTIMAL**

1



### **HARD, DRY, CRUMBLY STOOL** (crumbs)

It tends to split apart rather than being crushed.

2



### **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.

2.5



### **CLEARLY DEFINED SHAPE WITH VISIBLE CRACKS**

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

3



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

This stool's "components" are less separate  
and the cracks are still visible.

3.5



### **MOIST STOOL WITH NO CRACKS**

The stool still has a distinct shape.  
This stool's different "components" stick to one another.

4



### **MOIST STOOL WITH LITTLE CONSISTENCY AND NO REAL SHAPE**

It holds water well. No floating "stool-water" is visible.

4.5



### **LIQUID STOOL WITH MINIMAL CONSISTENCY**

5



### **ENTIRELY LIQUID STOOL** (no texture).



# FECAL SCORING SYSTEM FOR PUPPIES



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**FORMED, DRY AND HARD FECES**

2



**FORMED, DRY BUT NOT HARD FECES**

Cylindrical shape feces, 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)

2.5



**SOFT FORMED FECES**

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

3



**SOFT UNFORMED FECES**

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

▶ **IF 7 WEEKS OLD OR LESS**

MINI & MEDIUM PUPPIES



MAXI & GIANT PUPPIES



▶ **IF 8 WEEKS OLD OR MORE**

MINI & MEDIUM PUPPIES



MAXI & GIANT PUPPIES



4

4.5



**LIQUID FECES ASSOCIATED WITH SOFT FECES**

The main part of the feces is represented by soft (fig. XI) or liquid (fig. XII) feces.

5



**LIQUID FECES** (fig. XIII)