










PURINA FECAL SCORING CHART

Fecal consistency is primarily a function of moisture in stool and can be used to identify changes in colon health and other problems. In a healthy dog or cat, stools ideally should be firm but not hard, pliable, segmented and easy to pick up (Score 2).

Score	Specimen	Characteristics
1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very hard and dry Often expelled as individual pellets Requires much effort to expel from the body Leaves no surface residue when picked up
2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Firm, but not hard; pliable Segmented appearance Leaves little or no surface residue when picked up
3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Log shaped; moist surface Little or no visible segmentation Leaves surface residue, but holds form when picked up
4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very moist and soggy Log shaped Leaves surface residue 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 surface residue 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 surface residue when picked up
7		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watery No texture Present in flat puddles