



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