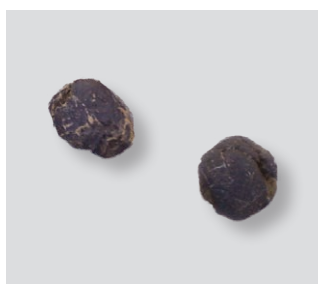




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FAECAL SCORING CHART



SCORE 1

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



SCORE 5

Very moist, but has a distinct shape; piles rather than distinct logs; leaves residue and loses form when picked up.



SCORE 2

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



SCORE 6

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



SCORE 3

Log-shaped; little or no visible segmentation; moist surface; leaves residue on ground, but holds form when picked up.



SCORE 7

Watery; no texture; flat puddles.



SCORE 4

Very moist, soggy; log-shaped; leaves residue and loses form when picked up.

Faecal consistency is primarily influenced by the amount of moisture in the stool and can be used to identify changes in intestinal 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).

Examination of an entire stool along with faecal scoring provides insight into the function of the intestinal tract and a baseline for assessing improvement