

Fecal Scoring Chart

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

Nutritional Management of GI Health

| CHARACTERISTICS | SMALL BOWEL CLINICAL SIGNS* | LARGE BOWEL CLINICAL SIGNS* |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| Defecation frequency | Normal to slightly increased | Markedly increased |
| Fecal volume | Normal to increased | Markedly decreased |
| Fecal quality | Very watery to semi-formed (typical score 6, 7) | Semi-formed, gelatinous (typical score 4,5) |
| Frequent urges to defecate | Normal to slightly increased | Markedly increased |
| Tenesmus (Straining) | Absent | Present |
| Blood in feces | Dark, old blood, tarry | Bright red, fresh-looking |
| Mucus in feces | Rarely | Frequently |
| Fatty stool | Sometimes | No |

RECOMMENDED FORMULAS



*In some cases both small bowel and large bowel are affected and clinical signs will vary.
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