GASTROINTESTINAL

FECAL SCORING SYSTEM
FOR CATS

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)

Crushing the stool with a litter scoop leaves no mark on it.
It tends to split apart rather than being crushed.

Looks like wet sand.

2



FORMED, HARD STOOL

This stool has very clearly defined cracks. The outside is very dry and the inside is almost dry (unlike the **score 2.5** stool, which is softer).

When you press down on it with a litter scoop, separate little pieces break off along the cracks. Leaves no residue on the litter when picked up.

2.5



FORMED, FIRM STOOL

This stool has a clearly defined shape with visible cracks.
Its surface may be slightly damp, but is still well formed.

When you press down on it with a litter scoop, the stool is crushed, although you will feel some resistance, unlike the **score 3** stool.
It leaves very little residue on the litter when picked up.

3



UNFORMED STOOL, SOFT BUT WITH SOME SHAPE

A moist stool with no cracks.
It still has a distinct shape when compared to the **score 4** stool.
This stool's different "components" stick to one another.

Leaves residue on the litter when picked up.

4



VERY SOFT STOOL

Very wet but not liquid stool. When compared to the **score 5** stool, this stool retains the water that is nevertheless visible between its different constituent parts.

5



LIQUID STOOL

Entirely liquid stool (no texture) or
liquid stool with minimal consistency.

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