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The Scoop on Poop

A Complete Guide to the 4 C's



What goes in must come out!

Ever wondered what your pet's 'business' is trying to tell you? Discover the scoop on your pet's health by checking out these poop variations and their common causes.

If your pet's droppings are abnormal for more than 1-2 days, it's time to check in with your vet.

For variations with the 🚨 symbol, it's best to **seek veterinary attention ASAP**.

Have more questions about your pet's poop?

Connect with a Pet Circle vet.



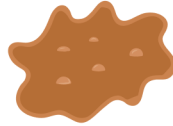
TOO FIRM

- Dehydration
- Dietary factors
- Lack of exercise
- Stress or anxiety
- Underlying medical conditions



TOO LOOSE

- Dietary change or indiscretion
- Food intolerance or allergy
- Parasites
- Bacterial or viral infection
- Underlying organ disease



MUCOUS

- May leave behind slimy trail or residue
- Large bowel inflammation eg. IBD, colitis, infection



BLOOD

- Inflammation or trauma to lower gastrointestinal tract
- Coagulopathy (clotting issue)
- Bleeding from anal glands or rectal wound



GREASY

- High fat diet
- Problem with pancreas or gallbladder
- Malabsorptive condition



WORMS

Can be long and thin or appear as small rice-like pieces.



FUR CLUMPS

- Overgrooming due to stress, allergies, external parasites
- Ingestion of rodents or other furred animals



FOREIGN MATERIALS

- eg. grass, plastic, cloth, rocks
- Nausea, boredom, anxiety, underlying medical issue



GREEN

- Grass ingestion
- Gallbladder issue
- Certain parasite infestations



YELLOW OR ORANGE

Liver, pancreas or gallbladder issue.



GREY

- Pancreatic issue
- Malabsorption



PINK OR PURPLE

Potentially haemorrhagic gastroenteritis (HGE)



WHITE

- Excess bone or calcium in diet
- Underlying organ disease.



BLACK OR DARK RED

- Bleeding in upper gastrointestinal tract
- Coagulopathy (clotting issue)
- Viral or bacterial infection
- Foreign body
- Cancer



RED OR RED TINGED

- Bleeding in lower gastrointestinal tract from straining, inflammation or internal damage
- Bleeding from anal glands
- Anal fissure or wound
- Coagulopathy (clotting issue)

CONSISTENCY

- Formed
- Sausage-shaped
- Holds together
- Easy to pick up

COATING

No visible coating, leaves no residue when picked up

CONTENTS

Even appearance throughout, with no abnormal contents

COLOUR

Chocolate brown, but can range from light to dark brown depending on diet



The Perfect Poo