

The Meaning of Poop

Everything you never knew you needed to know!



COLOR:

<i>Yellow or greenish stool</i>	<i>-indicates bowel hyper-motility</i>
<i>Black tarry stool</i>	<i>-indicates bleeding in the upper digestive tract</i>
<i>Bloody stool</i>	<i>-red blood or clots indicates lower bowel bleeding</i>
<i>Pasty, light-coloured stool</i>	<i>-indicates lack of bile (liver disease)</i>
<i>Large gray rancid=smelling stool</i>	<i>-indicates inadequate digestion</i>

CONSISTENCY:

<i>Watery stool</i>	<i>-indicates extreme hyper-motility and bowel wall irritation (toxins and severe infections)</i>
<i>Foamy stool</i>	<i>-suggests a bacterial infection</i>
<i>Greasy stool</i>	<i>-often with oil on the hair around the anus - indicates mal-absorption</i>

ODOR:

<i>Food-like or smelling like sour milk</i>	<i>- suggests both hyper motility and mal-absorption: for example, overfeeding, especially in puppies</i>
<i>Putrid smelling</i>	<i>- suggests an intestinal infection</i>

FREQUENCY:

<i>Several in an hour, each small, with straining</i>	<i>-suggests colitis (inflammation of the large bowel)</i>
<i>Three or four times a day, each large</i>	<i>-suggest mal-absorption or small bowel disorder</i>

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