

DIGESTIVE READ

# Dense, dry stool with uneven texture and dark color

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**5** /10

Cooper | Canine

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## DIGESTIVE SNAPSHOT

Cooper's stool appears dense and dry with a crumbly texture and dark brown to almost black color. These features suggest his gut may be experiencing slower transit or mild dehydration. Over the next 24-48 hours, monitoring stool moisture and consistency will help ensure his comfort and digestive balance.

### STOOL PATTERN

**Dense, crumbly, dark segments**

### CONSISTENCY

**Dense, crumbly, firm but not soft**

### COLOR MARKER

**Dark brown to nearly black with some lighter brown areas**

### VISUAL CONFIDENCE

**High visual confidence**

## Why this score

The stool shows a dense, crumbly texture with uneven segmentation and dark coloration, indicating possible over-dryness or slow transit, which lowers the score despite clear form.

  
**PET PASSPORT**

- Case ID: 7FAF1D71
- Species: Canine
- Age band: Adult
- Weight band: Medium
- Food context: Not provided
- Owner concerns: Normal diet

## WHAT WE SEE

Normal: Clearly segmented pieces with defined edges show formed stool. Notable: The very dark color and crumbly texture stand out as less typical and suggest dryness or slow transit.

### What this means for digestion

The dense and crumbly texture combined with dark color suggests Cooper's stool is on the drier side, possibly due to slower intestinal transit or insufficient hydration. This can mean his gut is absorbing more water than usual or that fiber balance might need adjustment to ease stool passage.

### Confidence note

The image is clear, well-lit, and focused with good contrast against the white background, allowing detailed observation of stool texture and color.

## VISIBLE PROFILE

- Multiple separate segments
- Rough, crumbly surface texture
- Dark brown to nearly black color
- Firm, dense structure
- Uneven segmentation with some cracks

## LIKELY DRIVERS

- Possible mild dehydration or insufficient water intake
- Fiber type imbalance favoring insoluble fiber
- Slower intestinal transit time
- Missing context: specific diet details and water consumption would clarify

## DIET GUIDANCE

### Feeding goal right now

Focus on increasing hydration and balancing fiber types to soften stool and promote regular, comfortable passage for Cooper.

## WHY THIS DIET FITS

- No diet info provided, but stool suggests possible need for increased moisture or fiber adjustment
- Dark color could relate to diet components or slow transit allowing oxidation

## IDEAL DIET RIGHT NOW

- Adequate hydration
- Balanced fiber with soluble and insoluble types
- Moderate fat content to aid digestion
- Easily digestible ingredients

## BEST TO AVOID FOR NOW

- Excessive dry kibble without moisture
- High fat or greasy foods that may disrupt digestion
- Overly high insoluble fiber causing dryness
- Sudden diet changes without transition

## VISUAL COMPARISON

The stool resembles dry, compacted logs with rough, cracked surfaces rather than smooth, moist cylinders.

## LOOKS CLOSER TO

- Dry, firm stool
- Slow transit stool
- High fiber but low moisture stool

## LESS CONSISTENT WITH

- Soft, well-hydrated stool
- Loose or watery stool
- Fresh, moist stool

## WHAT TO WATCH

- Increasing hardness or blackness indicating worsening dryness
- Signs of constipation such as straining or discomfort
- Sudden changes to loose or watery stool suggesting imbalance
- Lethargy or appetite changes that could signal broader issues

### **If you do one thing first**

Ensure Cooper has access to fresh water and consider adding a small amount of soluble fiber to his diet to improve stool moisture.

## SIGNS YOU'RE BACK ON TRACK

- Stool becomes softer but still formed
- Color lightens to medium brown
- Segments become smoother and less crumbly

- Regular, comfortable defecation without straining

### RECOMMENDED NEXT STEPS

- Provide Cooper with constant access to fresh water and encourage drinking
- Consider adding a small amount of canned pumpkin or a fiber supplement to his meals
- Monitor stool daily for changes in moisture and color
- Avoid sudden diet changes; introduce any new foods gradually
- Keep a stool diary to track patterns and share with your vet if concerns persist

### VETERINARY ALERT

#### **No red flags**

No urgent veterinary signs visible in this stool image.

#### **A note for the human who noticed**

Cooper's stool shows signs worth watching but no urgent alarm; your attentiveness is key to his digestive health.

This report is an informational wellness observation based on visual analysis of stool and does not replace professional veterinary care.

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