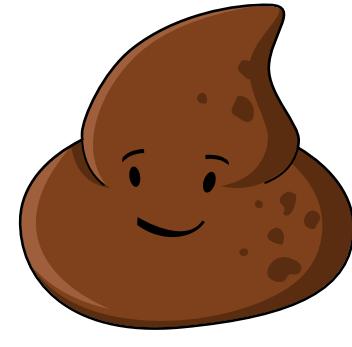


# Dog poop color and toppings

Excerpt from Symptoms to Watch for in Your Dog

## Color

Brown



Brown poop is happy poop.

Orange



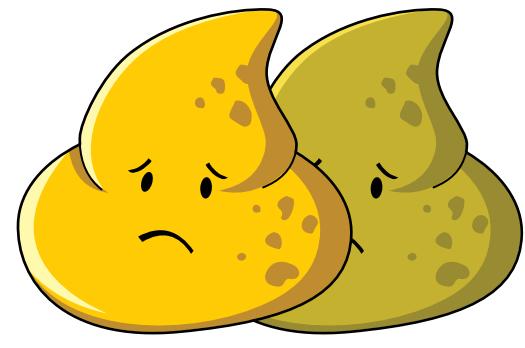
Orange stool means the liver or gallbladder isn't working normally, or that red blood cells are breaking down.

Pale or clay-colored



Pale or clay-colored stools can develop as a result of gallbladder, liver, or pancreatic disease.

Yellow or greenish



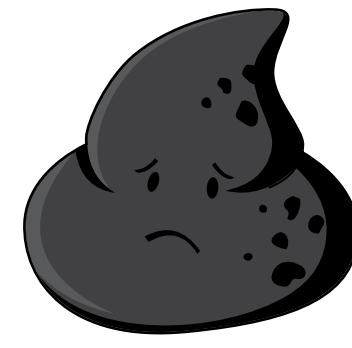
Yellow or greenish stool appears when food moves too quickly through the gut. It may be caused by Giardia, parasites, infections, or other conditions.

Bright green



Bright green stools can be caused by your dog ingesting certain types of rat poison or snail bait. This means an immediate trip to a vet.

Black, tarry



Black, tarry stool signals digested blood from upper-GI bleeding or swallowed blood. Causes include ulcers, trauma, infections, tumors, or clotting problems.

## Toppings

Bright red streaks/bloody



Bright red blood comes from the lower GI tract and may be caused by colitis, infections, parasites, or anal-gland issues. Sudden or heavy bleeding can indicate HGE, parvo in puppies, or cancer in older dogs.

Mucus



Mucus on stool suggests irritation or inflammation in the colon. It can come from colitis, parasites, stress, diet changes, or infections.

Polka dot stool



Intestinal parasites. If you see rice-like specks, think tapeworms. If you see spaghetti-like strands, think roundworms. Other intestinal parasites are too small to see with the naked eye.