

Capybara (*Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*) Faecal Scoring Chart



Type 1



Type 2



Type 3



Type 4



Type 5

Type 1: Stasis faeces. Separate or joined hard pellets. Very dehydrated and often dark in colouration. Increase hydration through food and water intake. **Vet care may be required, monitor closely.**

Type 2: Normal faeces. Soft even sized pellets that hold their shape. Not sticky.

Type 3: Normal caecotrophs. Clusters of even sized, soft pellets. Elongated log shapes, can have a sticky coating. Often eaten for reabsorption of nutrients.

Type 4: Abnormal faeces. Very moist and may not hold together. May be inconsistent in form. Still vaguely log shaped.

Type 5: Abnormal faeces. Very moist. Presents in piles instead of distinct logs but has a distinct shape. **Reduce sugar and protein levels and increase fibre intake.**

Type 6: Not shown. Watery and presents as a flat puddle. Heavy splattering likely to occur. **Reduce sugar and protein levels and increase fibre.**