

## **Puppy Loose Stool Protocol**

Refer to Purina Fecal Scoring Chart on the Puppy Raiser Resource Portal. If the stool is a 5 or above, raisers should proceed with the following steps.

- If the puppy is adjusting to a new raiser home, they may have loose stool for the first few days. Raisers should continue to administer 1 teaspoon of psyllium powder in the puppy's breakfast and dinner. Puppy raisers may alternatively add a tablespoon of plain, canned pumpkin to the puppy's breakfast and dinner.
- 2. If the stool is still loose after the first few days of receiving psyllium or pumpkin, raisers should submit a Puppy Health Concern Form to the Animal Health Team. The form is available on the Puppy Raiser Resource Portal. The Animal Health Team will reach out to the puppy raiser within 24-48 hours if further action is necessary.
- 3. If the puppy has diarrhea for more than 24 hours, raisers should submit a Puppy Health Concern Form to the Animal Health Team.