

Concerns About Loose Stool

Many cats experience intestinal problems, and there are numerous causes.

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Q. We've had our indoor-only Bengal for three years. Since we moved into a different house, he started pooping on the floor beside the litterbox and on the bathroom floor. His stool is very runny. We feed him a dry and wet all-meat diet. I'm concerned about the loose stool and want to know if he needs something extra in his diet. This problem comes and goes, and its runnier some days than others.

A. The problem you described is not uncommon for cats. There are many things that could be causing this problem, one of which may be an intolerance to the food he's eating, but I would recommend that you take him to your veterinarian for a full diagnostic work-up, including blood work, a urinalysis, fecal exam and FeLV/FIV test. This problem may be solved simply, by changing to an appropriate diet; he may need to have intestinal biopsies performed to find the exact problem.