



LITTER BOX ETIQUETTE



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Does your cat urinate outside the litter box?

Soil in the house?

Unnecessary spraying?

Your veterinarian can help identify factors contributing to these medical, behavior and nutritional issues to help resolve them safely and quickly. Remember, you should always contact your veterinarian if house-soiling continues or if your cat is in pain or straining.

SOME HELPFUL GUIDANCE

LOCATION

- Provide a litter box in multiple locations, especially on multiple floors of a home.
- Avoid moving the litter box to different places.

DEPTH

- Most cats prefer 1-1.5 inches of litter while others prefer deeper. Try to keep the depth consistent across multiple boxes.


ENVIRONMENT

- Keep litter boxes away from noisy environments such as laundry rooms. Avoid giving medication or doing anything unpleasant while in the litter box area.
- These associations may frighten your cat.

PROXIMITY

- Keep food and water in a separate room at least 5 feet away from the litter box.

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HOW MANY LITTER BOXES SHOULD I HAVE?

1 litter box per cat plus one additional box.
A home with 2 cats should have 3 litter boxes.

CLAY OR NATURAL LITTER?

Most cats prefer traditional clay litter compared to corn, wheat or newspaper litter, especially when they are experiencing stress, anxiety or are unwell.

SHOULD I USE SCENTED OR UNSCENTED LITTER?

Use unscented clumping litter that most resembles sand. Cats are highly sensitive to smell and scented litters can be unpleasant for them.

WHAT SIZE LITTER BOX SHOULD I BUY?

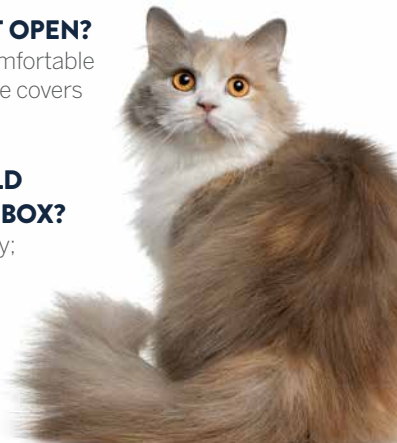
Cats need to move around in their litter box. Older cats, especially those that are arthritic, may prefer low walls or a low door to avoid climbing.

SHOULD WE KEEP IT OPEN?

Most cats do not feel comfortable in a covered box. Remove covers from the litter box.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD I CLEAN THE LITTER BOX?

Clean your litter box daily; more often the better. Empty the litter tray every 1-2 weeks, clean it with a mild detergent, rinse it and dry well.



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