



LITTER BOX SUCCESS TIPS

When bringing home a new cat, it's important to start off on the right foot with the litter box. Below are some do's and don'ts for successful litter box use.

DO

- Ensure you have a large enough litter box. If your cat is large, a storage container with a door cut into it and the lid removed can make a great large litter box.
- Have enough litter boxes. You should have one litter box per cat, plus one. This way there is no bullying or guarding the box.
- Place the boxes in an area that the cat has easy access to, but is not too remote or in a high-traffic area. If you have dogs, ensure that the cat can use the box without the dog interfering.
- Use unscented litter. Many cats find the scent of cat litter unpleasant.
- Find a litter your cats enjoy. Cats usually prefer a fine, soft surface. Unscented, clumping cat litter is usually a good starting point.
- Scoop the box twice a day. Cats are tidy animals and don't like using boxes that are messy.
- Clean the entire box once a month. Remove all the old litter, and clean it with soap and water.

DON'T

- Use a litter box liner. Many cats find them aversive. The best way to keep the box clean is to scoop it twice daily, clean it monthly, and use enough litter.
- Let the amount of litter get too low. Most litters require 2-3 inches in the box to be effective.
- Skip scooping sessions. Cats don't like to use dirty boxes.
- Put the box in a busy area or hide the box away in a hidden, hard to access area.

Litter boxes are an important part of cat ownership and they need to be set up in a way that cats will use them. Follow this guide, and you'll be on your way to successful litterbox use.