

Treatment for litter tray problems in cats



If there is more than one cat in the house – find out which cat is not using the litter.

Rule out medical issues which may be contributing such as arthritis, food intolerance, parasites, kidney disease and thyroid problems.

Desex the cat if not intending to breed.

CLEAN THE AREA
Use a non-ammonia based cleaner and an enzymatic biodegradable odour neutraliser.

MAKE THE TOILET MORE ATTRACTIVE

- Give your cat a choice of litter types
- Scoop litter daily and wash the tray weekly
- Test different types of trays, make sure it is big enough and the cat can get in and out easily
- Increase the litter depth
- Place the tray in a quiet area

CHANGE THE ASSOCIATION
Try putting a pot plant or food dish where they have been toileting to give the area a new meaning.

RETRAIN THE CAT
Try and keep the cat in a room for a few days with the litter tray, their bed, food, water and toys and make regular visits for cuddles and games.

IDENTIFY TRIGGERS

- Multiple cats
- Neighbourhood cats
- New visitors or pets
- Moving house
- New furniture

REDUCE STRESS

- Establish routines for play and feeding
- Give each cat plenty of space, including perching places and their own feeding, toileting and sleeping areas
- Enrich the environment (refer to *Creating an enriching environment for your pet* fact sheet)
- Consider using stress reducing products such as [®]Feliway and anxiolytic medication