

ASK OUR VETERINARIANS



Most cat owners have experienced or have heard of kitties expressing their displeasure by urinating somewhere other than in the litterbox.

Following the set of rules below can help prevent some of these unwanted urinary behaviors.

1) Number of litterboxes- there should be one box per cat plus an additional box. For example, if you own three cats, you should have four boxes. 2) Location of boxes- litterboxes should be kept in a nice quiet, calm location, undisturbed by dogs, kids or other loud noises. Also, the multiple boxes should be kept in different locations throughout the house, not all together in the corner of the basement near the furnace. 3) Cleaning- boxes should be scooped once or twice daily. Entire litter should be changed every other week. 4) Litterbox Preferences- most cats prefer to see their surroundings when using the box. Covered litter boxes are not ideal for most cats. Also, make sure your litter boxes are large enough. Most cats need space--options for larger litter boxes are cement mixing pans or Tupperware totes. 5) Type of litter- unscented, clumping litter is the most ideal. However, some cats have developed aversions to this type of litter and prefer Yesterdays News brand (recycled newspaper), Feline Pine, or peat moss.

If your kitty is urinating outside of the litter box and you are concerned about a medical condition, please see your veterinarian.

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