

# Toileting Solutions

## BEHAVIOR SERIES



Your cat has been diagnosed with inappropriate toileting behavior. Simply stated, your cat has selected to eliminate in places other than the approved litter box(s). Use the following tips to help resolve this behavior.

### ABC's of litter boxes

The majority of cats want a litterbox that is:

#### A = Accessible:

- Offer plenty of boxes: one for every cat in the home + 1 (2 cats = 3 boxes)
- Avoid noisy, dark, trapped, or difficult to reach locations
- Consider placing a box at the site of inappropriate toileting

#### B = Big:

- Big litter boxes – the box should be longer than your cat with room to spare
- Uncovered boxes are recommended

#### C = Clean:

- Scoop litter boxes daily
- Dump and wash boxes at least monthly
- Fill box with at least three inches of **clay clumping litter**
- Thoroughly clean any soiled object with a pet enzymatic cleanser

### Ask your cat

We know what most cats like (ABC's), but to find your cat's preferred litter box, set up a litter box cafeteria.

- Retain your current litter box
- Offer different litter box options next to your current litter box, include different:
  - Litter box styles
  - Litter options
  - Litter depths
- Offer each option for a week and note usage
- Retain and offer the litter box set up that is most used by your cat(s)

### Discourage use of unacceptable locations

Make unacceptable locations unattractive or unavailable:

- Clean soiled areas with enzymatic cleaners
- Temporarily close off access to soiled area(s)
- Place a physical or odor deterrent at the previously soiled site; such as aluminum foil, plastic tarp or citrus scent

**Do not punish your cat(s) for house-soiling. It will not solve the problem and might make it worse.**



For additional information, please contact your Banfield medical team.

