

# Urine Marking Solutions

## BEHAVIOR SERIES



Your cat has been diagnosed with feline urine marking. The first step in addressing this behavior is to have your cat spayed/neutered. If your cat continues to engage in this behavior, implement the following strategies.

### Discourage urine marking behaviors

- Clean up soiled areas with an enzymatic cleaner
- Identify triggers for marking, if present:
  - Is there a link between marking and other activities, such as viewing cats outside your home, visitors to your home, etc?
- Minimize your cat's exposure to marking triggers:
  - Block views from windows, segregate your cat when visitors are present, etc.

**Do not punish your cat(s) for marking; it will not solve the problem and might make it worse.**

### Encourage alternative marking behaviors

- Offer plenty of scratching posts/pads around your house
- Use pheromones (*i.e.*, Feliway®) that encourage facial marking (bunting)

### Create an enriched feline environment

- Create multiple food, water and litter box sites throughout your home
- Provide lots of elevated sleeping/resting perches throughout your home
- Spend play time with your cat every day

### Consider additional behavior therapy

Talk to your Banfield veterinarian about drug therapy. Serotonin enhancing drugs have been proven to be very effective at controlling urine marking. Your veterinarian will be able to advise you on the best treatment for your cat.



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For additional information, please contact your Banfield medical team.

