

Kitten Litter Box Tips Solutions

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Most kittens will naturally be attracted to a litter box for elimination. Problems tend to arise when the litter box isn't accessible, clean or attractive. It is easier to avoid a litter box problem than to fix it. The following tips will help you prevent problems from developing in your home.

ABC's of Litter Boxes

A = Accessible:

- Make sure the litter boxes are easily accessible
 - Have plenty of litter boxes; a good rule is that the minimum # litter boxes = # cats + 1 (2 cats = 3 boxes)
 - Place litter boxes throughout home including all levels of a multilevel home
 - Avoid noisy, dark or difficult to reach locations

B = Big:

- Make sure that the litter boxes are big enough to comfortably accommodate your cat
 - Jumbo sized litter boxes or plastic, under the bed, storage containers often make good box options for adult cats and multi-cat households; uncovered boxes are recommended

C = Clean:

- Keep the boxes clean
 - Scoop litter boxes daily
 - Dump and wash boxes at least monthly
- Clumping Clay: Offer clay clumping litter
 - Most cats prefer clumping clay (sand-like) litter over other types of litter
- Consult with your Banfield Medical Team at the first signs of house-soiling

Things to Avoid

- Clustering litter boxes in one location
- Placing litter boxes next to noisy appliances like washers/dryers/furnaces
- Punishing your kitten for elimination discovered in the house, after the fact
- Rubbing your kitten's face in excrement
- Leaving other attractive elimination options (for example the dirt in large potted plants, piles of dirty laundry on the floor) accessible to your kitten



For additional information, please contact your Banfield medical team.

