

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR CAT STOPS USING THE

Litterbox

It can be frustrating (and gross) if your cat is having accidents outside of their litter box. The cause of litter box problems can be medical, behavioral, environmental, or a combination of any of these. Luckily, most of the time, these issues can be easy to solve!

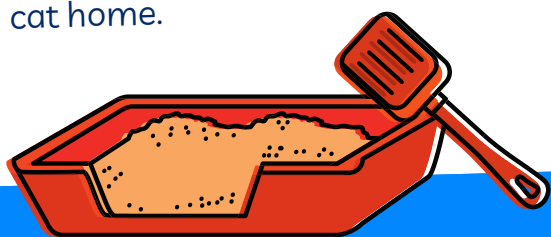
FIRST STOP: A VISIT TO THE VET

The first thing you should do if your cat is having accidents is to take them to be examined by a veterinarian. There are several common medical conditions that may cause this issue, and your vet can help determine if any of these are the culprit. After their vet visit, it's time to move on to the next steps!



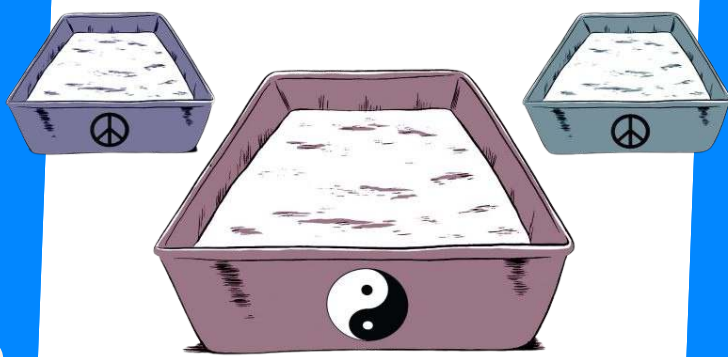
HOW OFTEN ARE YOU SCOOPING?

Nobody wants to go into a dirty bathroom! While our feline friends do like their own scent, they definitely **don't** want to have to step in their previous 'deposits' or worse - someone else's! The litter box should be scooped at least once a day for single cats and multiple times a day for a multi-cat home.



BOXES FOR 2...OR 3...OR 4

If you have a multi-cat home, it's important to make sure you have enough litter boxes for everyone! The rule of thumb for a multi-cat home is to have one litter box per cat...plus one! So if you have three cats in your home, then you should have at least four litter boxes.



BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

Nobody likes using a port-a-potty. So don't make your cat use one! Put your cat's litter box in a well-lit, well-ventilated, low-traffic area.

Always use 1-3 inches of unscented litter. If you need to change the kind of litter you use, go slowly and mix the old with the new until they get used to it.

And finally, **make sure the box works for them** - kittens and senior cats might need a low-sided box, and many cats prefer open boxes without a lid.

THE PURRFECT LITTERBOX

The ideal litter box for most cats looks like this: a high-sided, low-entry litter box, with unscented and low-dust litter, placed in a well-lit room, like a bedroom or bathroom.



IF YOU'VE TRIED ALL OF THESE TIPS AND SOMETHING STILL ISN'T RIGHT, CONTACT OUR TRAINING TEAM AT TRAINING@AWLA.ORG!