

How to Help Kitty Think Inside the Box

Your cat isn't being spiteful.

Something is wrong and their way of telling you is not using their box. Some reasons of why your cat isn't using the litter box could be:

- They are not neutered: by 7 or 8 months, they will become sexually mature and start marking territory around home.
- They are unhappy with their box: size, location, type of litter
- They are sick: they could have a urinary tract infection, urinary blockage, or urinary crystals
- They are stressed by something new: as a result could be marking territory to comfort themselves



How can you help them solve their problem?

- Clean soiled areas with an enzymatic cleaner (not household cleaner)
- Make sure litter box is set up in a way that makes your cat comfortable
- Don't use box liners or a lid for the box
- Make sure box is wide enough for cat to turn around in
- Make litter 2-3 inches deep and use unscented litter
- Scoop litter twice a day and empty box every 10-14 days, washing it with warm soapy water
- Set up as many litter boxes as you have cats
- Temporarily place box where cat has shown preference for urinating/defecating
- Most importantly, make sure no one at home is showing anger or frustration towards your cat. This will cause them more stress and make the problem worse.