

The Scoop on Litter

High quality litters trap odors more effectively and last longer! A covered litter box can contain and reduce more odors than an open litter box, and include a carbon filter. Covered litter boxes also help reduce the amount of litter scattered on the floor around the litter box.

Since super premium foods are more highly digestible, you should find less waste in your cat's litter box.

Tips for Guiding Kitty to the Litter Box:

Follow a few basic principles to train your new kitten or cat to use the litter box.

- 1) Confine the kitten/cat for the first week to a small room when you're not around to supervise. Place their litter box in that space. Locate their bedding, food and water in another area of the house.
- 2) Choose a private, quiet location for the permanent location of the litter box.
- 3) Choose a deep box that will allow your cat to dig and bury. A covered box will reduce the amount of litter that might scatter around the box.
- 4) Be consistent with the type of litter you use. Switching litter formulas can throw off a cat's training. If you must make a change, transition the litter slowly by gradually mixing in the new with the old after 1 month with your new cat.
- 5) Clean the litter box daily. Some cats will not use a litter box if there is any waste odor. However, it is good to leave a little of the odor to attract the kitten back to the box.
- 6) If the kitten or cat goes outside the box, clean the area thoroughly with an enzyme cleaner—designed to remove organic wastes and odors completely and reduce the temptation for the cat to use that spot again.
- 7) Avoid harsh disinfectants and deodorizers that may disturb the cat's sensitive nose. Safe, natural enzymatic cleaners will do the job without putting your pet at risk. If you prefer to use a deodorizer, get the cat used to it slowly so it doesn't begin avoiding the box. Do not use ammonia-based products to clean, they may make the urine smell stronger.
- 8) If your cat urinates outside the box frequently, it may be an indication of a urinary tract problem. If your cat exhibits any irritation, or appears strained while urinating, see your vet immediately. Left untreated, Feline Urinary Syndrome (FUS) can be fatal. Prevent FUS with a healthy, high-quality low-magnesium, low-ash diet (ideally wet food) and always provide plenty of fresh water. You may consider supplementing dry food with canned or raw food to increase moisture levels in the diet.

There are many different types of litter. Visit www.pfwvt.com for a list of available brands, or visit one of our retail stores and a sales associate can help you find the best type of litter for you and your home!