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Litterbox Guidelines for Your Cat

Cats can be very particular when it comes to their potty habits. Things like the type of litter, type of box and the location are very important to most cats. Here are a few tips to help you when choosing items for your cat's bathroom.

Not all litters are created equal!

There are many different types of cat litter. At first glance it may not seem important which type of litter you purchase but your cat might think differently. There is natural clay litter, scoopable/clumping litter, recycled pellet like litter, and so on. Each type of litter has its benefits; however, it has been our experience that most cats prefer scoopable/clumping litter. This litter tends to be slightly more expensive than the clay litter, but is easy to maintain. This litter absorbs the urine into a nice clump that is easily scooped. It is recommended to scoop your box daily, cats like a clean bathroom. It is also recommended to fully clean your box once weekly. This includes dumping the litter out and washing the box with a mild soap and water (no bleach) and replacing with fresh litter. By doing these things you can also help avoid behavior problems such as, urinating or defecating out of the box.

Don't get boxed in!

The golden rule is to have one more box than the number of cats (i.e. if you have 2 cats you should have 3 boxes). Some cats do not like to share the litter box with friends as well as urinate and defecate in the same box. Therefore it is wise to have a sufficient number of boxes to keep your cat(s) happy. Cats also need space. Make sure your litter pans are large enough for your cat and try to refrain from hooded or covered boxes. It is also wise to pick an appropriate place for your box. You will not want to place your box in a high traffic or noisy place (i.e. next to the furnace or washing machine) nor do you want to place it where children or dogs may have easy access to it. If you have a multiple level house it is recommended to place a box on each level that your cat has access to.

