



## Litterbox Recommendations

First and most important is to rule out possible medical problems like urinary tract infection or bladder stones. From there, we can help you to conquer behavioral inappropriate elimination.

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- The **minimum** number of litter boxes in the household should equal the number of cats in the house plus one. So if you have 2 cats, you should have 3 litter boxes.
  - Keep one litter box on each level of the house.
  - Scoop litter boxes a **minimum** of once daily.
  - Dump and clean boxes every 10 - 14 days with a non-ammonia cleaner. Washing with a vinegar and soap solution works well to help reduce the odor.
  - Replace boxes every 1 - 2 years.
  - Avoid covered pan and litter box liners.
  - Use clumping and odorless litter.
  - Avoid placing boxes beside loud appliances such as washing machines or furnaces which may frighten cats.
  - Thoroughly remove urine and fecal odor from affected area. Recommended products are F.O.N. (Feline Odor Neutralizer) or Carpet Stain & Odor Eliminator which are available here at the American Animal Hospital. You could also try K.O.E. (Kennel Odor Eliminator), Buster's Secret, or Anti Icky Poo which can be found through the internet.
  - Use a black-light to check affected areas (urine fluoresces under UV light) to be sure the urine is completely gone.
  - Evaluate any stresses or changes in environment that may have resulted in the current behavior such as a move, renovation, or addition to family.
  - Products such as Feliway Diffuser and Cat Attract litter additive may be helpful.
- 'The Fastidious Feline' by Patricia McConnell, available at American Animal Hospital is a wonderful source for further recommendations.