

# Litter Box Training Support

→ Making your pet's transition into her new home stress-free will set you both up for success.

## No. 1

The first few days home are the most stressful. In addition to feeding a consistent diet, it may help to **keep the new cat in a smaller space** at first (with food and a litter box, of course).

## No. 2

**Some cats don't like hoods on their litter boxes.** If a cat is having trouble using a covered box, try removing the lid.



## No. 3

If the litter box needs to move locations in a house, do so slowly, moving it no more than a few inches to a foot per day until it ends up in its new location. **Suddenly moving the box can cause cats to soil** where the box used to be, or simply not be able to find it.

## No. 4

**Cats are clean creatures,** so scoop solids and clumps daily to ensure they have a clean place to do their business. Some cats may refuse to use a soiled box.



## No. 5

Place the litter box in a low-traffic area that's **quiet and easy to access**. For multi-level homes, consider having a box on each floor.

## No. 6

For multiple cat households, it's best to have **one box per cat, plus one**. So that's three boxes for two cats, and so on.

## No. 7

If a cat is kicking out excessive amounts of litter, or eliminating on the sides of the box, **it's possible the box is too small**. Try using a larger box to see if the cat prefers more space.

## No. 8

If litter box behavior changes abruptly, it's important to take the cat to the veterinarian to **eliminate an underlying health problem**.



A little privacy, please!

## No. 9

Remember, **sometimes accidents happen**. Be patient and thoroughly clean the affected area with a commercial cleaner made to remove the scent, which will help prevent cats from returning to this spot and having continued accidents.

## No. 10

Non-clumping litter should be **dumped out and replaced weekly** (more often for multiple cat households), while clumping litter should be fully replaced monthly. Be sure to wash the box out at this time for a fresh start.

→ You may prefer to use a clumping litter, but it's common for non-clumping litter to be used at an adoption facility. We recommend that kittens 6 months old and younger use non-clumping litter. When you're ready to transition to a clumping litter, it's best to do it slowly. This will help your new cat adjust more easily, minimizing the chance of litter box rejection and unwanted accidents.

- Ask your shelter if they have a **small bag of non-clumping litter** for you to take home so that you can make the transition as easy as possible.
- Simply add a little more new litter and a little less old litter **over the course of 3-5 days**, until the box is filled with just the new litter.
- If the adoption facility uses Tidy Cats® non-clumping litter, **we recommend you try a Tidy Cats® clumping equivalent** of that litter to help increase success of transitioning (such as transition from non-clumping 24/7 Performance to clumping 24/7 Performance).

