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Feline Inappropriate Elimination

Many causes are recognized that may drive a cat to urinate or eliminate stool in places other than their litter box. Few feline behaviors are more disturbing to cat owners. Thorough evaluation of the cat's physical health and mental comfort is necessary to provide evidence to support an accurate diagnosis. With the correct determination of why the litter box is not being used for every elimination, a plan can be implemented to try and solve the problem.

Our goal is to perform the evaluation, make the diagnosis, and design a plan to improve your cat's proper use of the litter box. The starting point to make this effort successful is a complete physical examination of your cat and collection of a detailed history of your observations. Please answer these questions for us.

Questionnaire Regarding Litter Box Use:

1. How old is your cat and how long has she/he lived with you?
2. Is your cat neutered? When was your cat neutered?
3. Does your cat ever go outside? Alone or on a leash with you?
4. Do you have any other cats or dogs in your house? When did you adopt them?
5. Please describe the other cats in your house – indoor only? indoor/outdoor? sex? neutered?
6. Do your cats sleep together and groom each other? Do they avoid each other?
7. Do you or your neighbors have outdoor (stray) cats? Do you feed them?
8. What kind of litter do you use?
9. Have you ever used a different litter? When?
10. Do you use an open or a hooded litter box? How many boxes do you have?
11. Does your cat ever use the litter box?

12. Does your cat urinate outside the box? How often? What time during the day or night?
13. Does your cat eliminate stool outside the box? How often? What time?
14. When did your cat first not use the litter box? Urine or stool?
15. How often does your cat not use the box? On what material carpet? laundry? wall? chair?
16. Where in your house does your cat eliminate urine or stool outside the box? Does this vary?
17. Have you ever seen your cat in the act of eliminating outside the box? When? How often?
18. How did you react when you saw your cat eliminating outside the box? How did your cat react?
19. How do you clean the area where your cat eliminates urine or stool outside the box?
20. How do you clean the litter box? How often? What do you use?

Visual Aids Are Extremely Helpful!

A. Please sketch a map of your house floor plan including each level: Indicate the location of each litter box, where your cat sleeps, where you feed your cat, and where you have found urine or stool.

Please bring your answers and sketch to your appointment. Or for best efficiency, we welcome you to drop them off 1 or more days before your appointment! We are eager you help you and your cat solve this problem!