



Why kitty is not using the litter box

One (1) in every 10 cats will have a litter box lapse in his/her lifetime. The 20 most common reasons are:

- 1) The cat is suffering from a medical problem involving the urinary tract
- 2) The cat experiences a bout of geriatric constipation
- 3) The caretaker does not keep the box as clean as the cat wants it to be.
- 4) The owner changes the brand or tries disposable plastic liners
- 5) The owner changes the location of the litter box.
- 6) The owner switches to deodorized or perfumed litter.
- 7) The owner buys a new box and throws out the old one or covers the box with a hood.
- 8) The owner cleans the litter box with too harsh a cleaning product.
- 9) The location of the litter box is too busy or not private enough for the cat.
- 10) The home is too large for just one litter box.
- 11) The cat inadvertently gets locked out of reach of the litter box.
- 12) The cat is kept from using the litter box by another animal in the house.
- 13) There are too many cats and not enough litter boxes.
- 14) There are too many cats and not enough territory.
- 15) Stray cats can be seen/smelled near the cat's territory.
- 16) The un-neutered mal cat has come of age and is marking his territory.
- 17) The un-sprayed female is in heat and advertising for suitors.
- 18) Over time the cat has developed an aversion to the texture of the litter.
- 19) The cat was never properly trained to use the litter box in the first place.
- 20) The cat is stressed by a change in routine or environment which may include: a new baby, new furniture, work schedule changes, vacations, overnight guests, a move, etc.