

Potential Causes of Indiscriminate Litter Box Usage

Your cat's not just being naughty – not using her litter box is simply her way of telling us something is wrong. It's up to us to figure out what it is and how to fix it. Go through this list carefully, beginning first by ruling out a medical issue by scheduling a visit with your veterinarian.

- An underlying medical issue
- The litter box isn't regularly and/or adequately cleaned
- An aversion to the location of the litter box
- An aversion to the type of litter used
- A dislike of the actual litter box type (*covered/not covered*)
- The litter box size (*too small for the cat's size*)
- An abrupt change in the litter box set up
- Not enough litter boxes for the number of cats in the household
(*The rule of thumb is one litter box per cat, plus one extra*)
- An added scent to the litter
- Use of plastic liners
- A change in the household (*people in or out, furniture rearrangement*)
- A change in routine (*including owner's schedule*)
- An abrupt change in food
- A recent punishment to the cat for bad behavior



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