

Is your cat not using the litter box? These are some questions we will ask during your pet's exam.

1. Is your cat (or cats) having urine or stool accidents outside the box? If yes, is it stool or urine or both?
2. Where are the accidents occurring (“right next to the box” or “in the hallway” or “on the guest bed” for example)?
3. When did the accidents begin? Was it days, weeks, months ago?
4. Are the accidents frequent (more often than once weekly)?
5. How many cats do you have?
6. What are your cat(s) ages?
7. Do the cats all live in the whole home, or are any of them separated or segregated?
8. Do you have any dogs?
9. Do you have children under the age of 18 (or are there any children that visit you often)? If yes, what are their ages?
10. How large is your home (approximately)?
11. How many floors does your home have (include unfinished basements)?
12. Are the cats all totally indoors, or do they ever go outside?
13. If any go outside, how often and how much time do they spend outdoors? Do all of the cats go outside, or just some of them?
14. How many litter boxes do you have?
15. Are they all standard size boxes, or are any of them larger than usual?
16. Where are the litter boxes (“in the basement, 3 boxes lined up against the wall” or 3 boxes spread throughout the house for example)?
17. If you have more than one litter box in a room, how much space separates the boxes?
18. Do you have any covered boxes? If so, how many are covered?
19. Do you have any automatic boxes (plugged in and they scoop the box on their own)?

20. Are all the boxes accessible 24/7 (can your cat get to them at all times or is a door potentially blocking access)?
21. Any boxes in the laundry room, close to your doorbell, or in the furnace area? If yes, where are they?
22. Any boxes in a hallway, entrance room, closet, bathroom or other high traffic area? If yes, where are they?
23. Do you have at least one litter box on each level of your home? If not, which levels have a box?
24. How often do you scoop each box?
25. Do you use scented litter? If not, do you add any deodorizer?
26. What (exact) litter type do you use?
27. Do you ever change litter types or brands? If so, do you do it suddenly, or make a change over several weeks?
28. Do you ever move a litter box into another spot in your home? If so, do you do it suddenly or over several months?
29. Have your cats ever had a fight in the vicinity of a litter box?
30. Do your cats sometimes squabble over nothing in particular?
31. Do you feed your cats in the same room? If so, do they share dishes for food/water?

