

# THE PURRFECT LITTERBOX

One of the most important steps any cat parent can take with a new kitten or cat is setting up your home for litterbox success! Here are eight tips to keep in mind when picking out the right type and place in your home.

## **RULE OF THUMB (OR PAW)!**

The classic starting point for number of boxes is 1 per cat, plus one. Not every home will need this many permanently but give your multi-cat home options!

## **MORE IMPORTANTLY, SIZE MATTERS!**

The litterbox should be 1 and ½ times the length of your cat from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail, and as wide as your cat is long.

## **PICK OF THE LITTER!**

In general, clumping litter works best, and should be about 3 inches deep in the box.

## **OPEN IS BETTER!**

Most cats prefer an open box, although every cat is different. Start here FIRST.

## **EASY ENTRY AND EXIT!**

Look for a litterbox with a low entryway, especially for older patients, but higher sides to enclose spraying or messy litter digging.

## **DAILY SCOOPING/WEEKLY CLEANING!**

Litterboxes should be scooped daily, and completely changed every week after emptying and cleaning with soapy water.

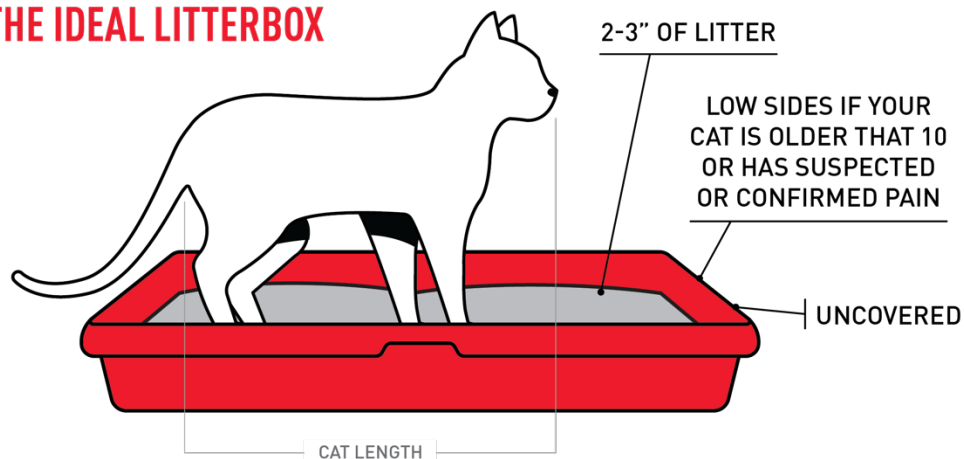
## **LITTER AND FOOD DON'T MIX!**

Litterboxes should be at least 5 feet away from food and water bowls!

## **LOCATION MATTERS!**

Litterboxes should be placed in several easily accessible, well-lit, and quiet areas of the home. Avoid noisy locations like the laundry room.

## **THE IDEAL LITTERBOX**



1.5 TIMES THE LENGTH OF YOUR CAT FROM NOSE TO TAIL