

TOP TIPS TO STOP YOUR CAT PEEING INSIDE

A cat that pees inside is super frustrating. We totally get it. I have so many people ask me what they can do to stop their cat peeing inside so I thought I'd put together this list of things you can try at home.

Remember, sometimes it isn't this simple. Your cat may have a medical problem, or they may have such severe anxiety that they do need medications. We can help you with this. So please email us at customercare@yourvetonline.com if you need further help.

You might try to implement some of these tips immediately. Sometimes it can take up to 2 or 3 weeks to notice a change. Let us know how you get on.

1. More frequent cleaning of dirty litter trays:

Some cats are super clean and can not handle a dirty litter tray. Many cats change as they get older or when new cats enter the household.

If you currently clean the litter tray weekly, increase this to twice a week. If this doesn't improve things keep cleaning!

2. Put off by the smell or type of litter:

Some cats have litter preferences. Ask for samples of different types of litter and see what they prefer. Try for a minimum of one week each.

3. Using polythene litter liners:

For most cats a liner presents no issues, for others it is extreme hate. Some seem to get their claws stuck in the liner and it only has to happen once, and that litter tray is doomed. Remove the liner.

4. Position of the litter tray:

Ensure the litter tray is somewhere quiet and safe with no windows where animals outside can peer in. Is there enough space for the cat to turn around in the tray and face the direction they want to?

5. Type of litter tray:

Some cats may struggle to get into a tray with high sides. Others may prefer a tray with a cover over it. Trial different types of litter trays to see what type your cat prefers.

6. Bad associations:

Has your cat been attacked or scared while on the litter tray? I've seen a cat's litter tray on a shelving unit that fell down. If the cat had been using the tray at that time, I'm sure they would have issues after the fact! Cats have long memories, we might not even know what happened, but their psych can be harmed for a very long time. Move the tray to a quieter more secluded place.

7. Number of litter trays:

The rule of thumb is that you need one litter tray for every cat in the household PLUS one! If you have 2 cats, you need 3 litter trays. If you haven't got enough litter trays, go and buy some more now.

8. Clean soiled areas:

Cats will always be attracted to pee spots (why not the litter tray?) so you do need to ensure that you thoroughly clean these areas. You must use an enzymatic cleaner and please avoid bleach or any caustic type cleaners a) they are not good for your cat's health b) for some reason it attracts cats to pee there. If you have carpet, you may have to cut out any bad spots and change the underlay.