

Cats

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Trouble with the Litter Box?

Cat's Meow Cookies

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Sunshine Says

Employee Highlight

Cat's Meow Cookies

- 7 oz. Mashed sardines (2 cans; drain oil)
 - 1/4 cup dry, non-fat milk
 - 1/2 cup wheat germ
1. Preheat oven to 350°F
 2. Thoroughly mix ingredients together.
 3. Roll into approx. 30 balls about the size of a marble.
 4. Place on cookie sheet treated with fat-free non-stick cooking spray
 5. Bake about 12-15 minutes until brown. Let cool before removing. Store soft cookies in air-tight container in refrigerator.



Trouble with the Litter Box?



Inappropriate elimination is the number one complaint

1. Rule out Medical Conditions

Some medical conditions, including those listed below, can cause inappropriate elimination and should be ruled out by a doctor first:

- Bladder Infection
- Bladder Stone
- Conditions that lead to excessive water consumption
- Arthritis (usually an older cat issue. Pets will urinate next to the box or near it because they cannot squat properly or properly step in box)
- Bladder tumor
- Constipation

If your cat has had urinary issues in the past, it may be associating the litter box with those unpleasant experiences. By changing the litter box so it "feels" different, you can retrain your cat to use it again. These changes may need to be experimented with to ensure it's to your cat's liking.

2. Is it territorial/anxious marking?

This behavior can be caused by the presence of other cats, if the owner

has a prolonged or sudden absence, moving to a new home, noisy environments, visiting humans or animals, or new furniture. Here are some signs of this kind of stress:

- Spraying on an upright surface
- Only occasionally using the litter box
- Defecating in the litter box but urinating outside the litter box
- The cat is not neutered or spayed
- Urination or defecation near a door or window
- Urination or defecation in owner's bed or laundry

3. Are there environmental factors?

There may be litter box aversion if any of these are occurring:

- Two or more cats share a litter box
- The box is not changed frequently
- The litter box is located in a heavily trafficked area
- A dog or small child is bothering the cat in the box
- The litter box is located in a noisy environment, such as the laundry room

Please talk with your veterinarian if your cat is inappropriately eliminating.

Sunshine Says

If you visit the Cat Clinic often, you will see our Resident Cat Expert—Sunshine. He has a wealth of knowledge to share!



Do you have a question for Sunshine? Email them to petinfo.tac@gmail.com with “Ask Sunshine” in the subject line.

Dear Sunshine,

I’ve been doing a lot of self-reflection lately, and I think I have the “holiday blues”. The shiny tree that was put in the house is now gone. I’m not getting as many treats, and I’m not really interested in doing anything. Do you have any advice on getting past the “holiday blues?”



Sincerely, Tibby

Dear Tibby,

Ah, yes. The “holiday blues”. This feeling is very common. To put it lightly, unfortunately, this feeling is coming from all of those delicious treats that humans were giving you over the holidays. You may have noticed a little “holiday weight gain” associated with your “holiday blues”...Fortunately, you should start to feel better now that the treats have decreased and you’re back to your regularly scheduled feeding. With a little bit of exercise, you’ll start to feel better in no time! Good luck!

Love, Sunshine

Cat Breeds

Can you find the Cat Breeds listed below the puzzle?

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| BIRMAN | ORIENTAL | MUNCHKIN |
| HIMALAYAN | BOMBAY | SNOWSHOE |
| MANX | BURMESE | BOBTAIL |
| HAVANABROWN | | |



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Employee of the Quarter
Drew Smith**



Nominated by his co-workers, Drew is: Always happy to go out of his way to help clients and staff, takes care of difficult situations with kindness and diplomacy, and never complains. We love you Drew!