

LITTER BOX PROBLEMS

In general, regular **non-scented clumping litter** is the best choice.

We recommend **Dr. Elsey's Kitten Attract or Dr. Elsey's Cat Attract**. We have used this with **GREAT** success for many years. Walmart does stock it at times. Petco and PetSmart usually stock it as well.

Kittens sometimes get a bit confused in new homes, and accidents might happen. The first thing you should do when you bring home your kitten is place them in the litter box so they know where it is. They should have **EASY access to it at all times**. After a few days to a week, if they are still having accidents around the house, you might need to move the litter box for them to a little more "private", yet still accessible area for them. Be sure the litter is fragrance free.

To correct the situation, most of the time all you need to do is just add a cup of the **Kitten Attract right on top of your regular litter**, maybe twice a week for a few weeks, without a lot of confinement to the kitten or cat. If the kitten is persistent, more details are below. **Dr Elsey's also has a website** for additional ideas and solutions.

MARKING TERRITORY OR JUST PLAIN SQUAT AND PEE BECAUSE THEY FEEL LIKE IT, is sometimes an issue with an older cat, or with one that is aging. Read below, or check **Dr. Elsey's site** for more information, ideas and solutions. If persistent, you may want to check with your vet, just in case there is a health-related issue.

- Clean the areas where the cat has urinated with soap and water.
- If you can, close off the area where the cat is indiscriminately eliminating. If the evil deed is being done in only one spot and you are capable of covering that spot with a litter box – please do so.
- If possible, or you feel it is needed, confine your kitty to just one room for a bit if he or she is eliminating outside the box in several locations. A bedroom is a good choice for controlling a cat as it is less likely to feel alienated in this location. Do not use a bedroom if evil acts are being done on a bed, usually an older cat does this. Please don't keep a kitten or a cat locked up all the time as it needs to be able to associate with the family.
- When the cat is out, keep a sharp eye on it. If you see signs of trouble, scoop up the cat and rush it back to its room; placing it directly into the box.
- **In the room there should be a litter box that contains regular UNSCENTED clumping clay litter on the bottom and a cup of Kitten Attract or Cat Attracts sprinkled on top of the clay litter. Don't even mix it in. The Attracts products have herbs in them that attract kittens and cats to the box to do their "business".**
- Scoop the litter box regularly and in the same manner as usual.
- Every third or fourth day, put another cup of the Attract right on top of the litter again.
- Proceed as described above for approximately four weeks. Sometimes it can take a little longer. Then go back to just their regular litter and slowly give the cat more access to the main part of the house.