

### **Litter Box Essentials: Creating a Cat-Friendly Bathroom Setup**

A healthy litter box setup is one of the most important parts of feline wellbeing. Cats need clean, accessible, comfortable spaces to eliminate without stress. A good setup prevents accidents, reduces tension, and supports urinary health.

#### **How Many Boxes Do You Need?**

- One box per cat plus one extra, spread boxes across the home — not all in one room
- Avoid placing boxes side-by-side (cats see this as one box)

#### **Choosing the Right Box**

##### **Size Matters**

Cats need space to turn, dig, and eliminate comfortably.

- Choose large, open or hooded boxes, avoid small, open or hooded, or top-entry boxes
- Senior cats need low-entry boxes for easy access

##### **Box Types**

- High-sided boxes for kickers, under-bed storage bins for large cats
- Avoid automatic boxes for anxious, shy cats or deaf, blind cats

#### **Litter Preferences**

Cats prefer:

- Unscented, fine-grain clumping litter, soft texture that's gentle on paws
- Consistent litter type — avoid frequent changes

Most cats dislike:

- Scented litter, crystal litter, corn or wheat litter
- Pellet litter, paper litter (unless medically required)

#### **Placement Matters**

Cats need privacy, safety, and easy access.

Place boxes:

- In quiet, low-traffic areas, away from loud appliances, away from food and water
- In multiple rooms, where cats naturally spend time

Most cats dislike:

- Closets, bathrooms with closed doors, tight corners, near noisy hallways or washers/dryers

#### **Cleaning Routine**

- Scoop 1-2 times daily, fully change litter weekly
- Wash box with mild soap (no strong scents), keep boxes consistently clean to prevent aversion

#### **Signs Your Cat Needs a Better Setup**

- Hesitation entering the box, perching on the edge, eliminating outside the box
- Rushing out after using, scratching walls or floor instead of litter

#### **Supporting Healthy Elimination**

A cat-friendly litter box setup reduces stress, prevents accidents, and supports urinary health. Small changes make a big difference for their comfort and confidence.



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