

THE ABC'S OF LITTER BOXES

The “Best Box” criteria are based upon feline preference studies and clinical experience. Please note that these recommendations represent the preferences of a majority of cats and that unique preferences may exist for individual cats.



A = Accessible

- Position box so that it has at least two exit points; avoid dead ends
- As many boxes as there are cats, plus one additional box
- One box on every floor of a multi-level home
- Don't place near noisy items (furnace/appliances)
- Avoid covered boxes
- Avoid box liners
- Avoid self cleaning, automated litter boxes (such as LitterMaid)
- For older cats:
 - avoid dark areas (older cats may have vision changes)
 - avoid access to box only via stairs (older cats may have stiffness/arthritis)

B = BIG

- Large box (you may consider going off the pet aisle to purchase a storage container box with lower sides)
- Senior cats and kittens should have litter boxes with low sides for easier access

C = Clean, Clumping Clay

- Offer a clay-based clumping litter
- Scoop box at least once daily
- Completely clean the litter box with mild soap and water weekly