

Cats are naturally clean animals. With a bit of patience, privacy and planning, we can set them up for a lifetime of success using the litter box. This is made easier when we consider their natural instincts and behaviours.



## Litter-box training for your cat

## **Before you start** Do you have the essentials, including: At least one litter tray pet cat □ A scoop The type of litter that your cat is used to Location, location Do you have enough litter trays for your cat? Is each tray placed in a quiet, out-of-the-way place? ☐ If there are multiple litter trays in your house, are they separated? ☐ Is each tray away from your cat's bed, food and water bowl? ☐ Is each litter tray far away from noisy appliances, such as a washing machine? Is each tray hidden away from curious dogs and inquisitive young children? Does each level of your home or apartment have at least one litter box? **Daily maintenance** ☐ Is the litter in your cat's tray at least 6cm deep? Have you scooped out any soiled litter at least once a day?

 Have you thoroughly washed and cleaned your cat's litter tray at



least once a week?

## Litter-box training for your cat



## **Regular observation**

- Is your cat toileting or urinating outside the litter tray?
- Is there a change to your cat's urine or faeces?
- ☐ Is your cat struggling or straining when using the litter tray?
- Is there blood in your cat's urine or faeces?
- Has your cat suddenly stopped using its litter tray?

If you have ticked one or more of these boxes, schedule a visit with your vet as soon as possible.

For more tips and references on training your cat to use a litter tray, refer to the full article on RSPCA Pet Insurance.

For more information call 1300 855 150 between 8am - 8pm Monday to Friday (AEST).

