



**The few general rules of thumb for cat litter boxes in the household.** These recommendations are all geared toward your kitten using his or her box readily. Poor litter box habits can be devastating to a household, and remain some of the most common reasons for euthanasia in kittens and cats surrendered to shelters.

1. The first “rule” is that kittens and cats prefer clean litter that is scooped or changed regularly; the boxes *cannot be too clean*, and this might mean daily or twice daily scooping.
2. There should be enough litter boxes available for you your kitten if you have a multiple cat household. At least one box per cat is the minimum, and most experts in feline behavior recommend on per cat *plus* one extra.
3. Be certain that your kitten can easily access the litter box, and that it is located in a low traffic area where he or she feels comfortable. Also be certain that your growing kitten *fits* comfortably inside the box to avoid tipping or eliminating over the sides!

**We recommend that your kitten remain indoors for several reasons.** These include the decreased risk of *trauma* and *disease*. Kittens and cats that live exclusively indoors are far less likely to be hit by vehicles, attacked by other cats or dogs, or preyed on by wildlife. They are also much less likely to be exposed to potentially deadly diseases like Feline Leukemia or FIV. You might also consider that you indoor cat’s diet will be easier to control, and even neighbors who are animal lovers might not appreciate an unwelcome guest at their birdfeeder!

**Have us show you how to trim you kitten’s nails!** Be sure to provide your kitten with a scratching post or outlet *other than your furniture*. If you become frustrated with his or her scratching habits in the household, there are ways we can help; ask us about Soft Paws® nail caps or other solutions.