



House-soiling: Caregiver Questionnaire

Answers provided to these questions will assist the veterinary team to help with the house-soiling occurring in your home. Select all boxes that apply and be detailed in your responses.

Excerpted from AAFP and ISFM Guidelines for Diagnosing and Solving House-Soiling Behavior in Cats

1. Your name: _____ Date: _____
Spouse, partner, or roommate: _____ Children and ages: _____
2. Cat's name, age, sex, and breed: _____
3. How does your cat interact with family members? Friendly Repelling/Confrontational Nervous Avoids contact
Who is your cat's favorite person: _____
4. How does your cat interact with strangers? Friendly Repelling/Confrontational Nervous Avoids contact
5. Name and age of other cats. Please list by the order they arrived into the house: _____

6. Other pets (species, breeds, and ages): _____
7. If you have other cats or pets in the home, have you recently seen your cat responding to them in any of these ways?
 Playing together Sleeping together Mutual grooming Hissing, growling, swiping Running away
Please describe: _____
8. How do you think your pets get along? _____
9. Does your cat go outside? Yes No Occasionally sneaks out Goes out supervised Goes out unsupervised
 Has pen or outside enclosure
10. Do you have a cat door or flap to the outdoors? Yes No Type: _____
11. Can your cat see other animals from inside your home? Yes No
If yes, describe (e.g., cats, birds at feeder, etc.): _____
12. What food do you feed your cat? Canned: _____ Dry: _____ Have you changed it recently? _____
13. How many litter boxes are in your home? _____ Size of litter box(es): _____
Type: Open Hooded or covered Automatic
Do you use: Liners Deodorizers
14. Who scoops the litter box? _____ How often: Twice daily Daily Weekly Other: _____

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15. Types of litter used: Fine grain (clumping) Non-clumping clay Coarse granules Scented Garden soil
 Wood or paper-based pellets Silica granules or beads Corn or wheat-based Other: _____
16. How often do you wash the litter box and what cleaning products do you use? _____
17. If your cat urinates when house-soiling, how would you describe the urine?
 Normal Large volume Small volume Strong odor Bloody Sticky consistency
 Passed more/less frequently than usual
18. If your cat defecates when house-soiling, how would you describe the stools?
 Normal Small and hard Soft and watery Blood/mucus Formed in part, then softer
 Other: _____
19. How long has the house-soiling been occurring? Years: _____ Months: _____ Weeks: _____
20. Do you remember the first incident? Yes No If yes, please describe: _____
21. What kind of surface is targeted? Carpet Wood Vinyl Tile Bedding/clothing Bath/shower/sink/basin
 A particular family member: _____ Other: _____
22. Is the cat targeting vertical surfaces with urine? Yes No If yes, what volume is being passed? _____
23. How often is the house-soiling occurring? Once daily Multiple times daily Weekly Other: _____
24. How has the frequency changed since the problem started? Increased Decreased The same Don't know
25. Have there been any changes recently (or around when the house-soiling started)?
 Move to new home New baby or pet Absence of family member/pet
 Other (including work/school schedule changes, please provide details): _____
26. Please detail what you have been doing to clean the soiled areas: _____
27. Have you used any physical punishment in response to the house-soiling (e.g., rubbing nose in the urine or stool, spanking, water pistol, shouting, confinement)? Yes No Please describe: _____
28. Is your cat easy to medicate? Yes No Don't know
29. What are your preferred formulations for any medications? Pills Medication in food Oral liquids
 Transdermal gel (where available) Don't know
30. Draw a basic house floor plan on a separate sheet of paper. This is very important but it does not have to be to perfect scale. Mark all items listed below on the house floor plan so we can get a feeling for the environment where your cat lives.
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| a = Litter box locations | d = Scratching post locations |
| b = House-soiling locations | e = Food and water bowl locations |
| c = Windows and doors | f = Cat doors or flaps |

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