

FOOD & WATER BASICS

As obligate carnivores, kittens and cats should be eating several small meals throughout the day. In the wild, they hunt 8-20 times a day. Their tummies are about the size of a ping pong ball, so they don't eat a large portion in one sitting. A combination diet consisting of mostly wet food is nutritionally beneficial because it consists of about 70% water and will help keep your cat staying hydrated.



TWO - THREE MONTHS OLD

3-4 wet food servings per day + dry food



FOUR - NINE MONTHS OLD

3 wet food servings per day + dry food



ADULT CAT

2 wet food servings per day + dry food

Always consult with your veterinarian regarding total daily caloric intake and nutritional needs that are appropriate for your cat's age, weight and developmental stage.

Remember to clean food and water bowls daily as they can harbor harmful bacteria if not cleaned.

Need help encouraging your cat to drink more water? A pet water fountain may do the trick! Many cats prefer running water and are more likely to drink from a fountain than a traditional bowl.

LITTER BOX SUCCESS

Cats are naturally clean animals and appreciate a litter box that is clean, adequately sized and easy to access. Most cats prefer a large, uncovered litter box filled with **2 inches of unscented clumping litter**. While covered litter boxes may appeal to people, many cats find them less inviting because odors can become trapped inside or can lead to unwanted run-ins with other pets in the home.

To encourage consistent litter box use, **scoop waste twice daily** and completely replace litter once a month. Because cats have an incredibly sensitive sense of smell, scented litters can be overwhelming and may discourage use.

Location matters, too. **Place litter boxes in quiet, low-traffic areas** where your cat can feel safe and undisturbed. Avoid noisy locations, such as laundry rooms or areas near loud appliances, which can create negative associations with the litter box.

In multi-cat households, there should be **one litter box per cat, plus one**. Ensure cats have easy access to their litter boxes and can enter and exit without feeling trapped or cornered. **We do not recommend automatic litter boxes**, as they can malfunction, pose a safety risk and make it difficult to monitor changes in your cat's bathroom habits.

(If at any time your cat stops using the litterbox, seek veterinary attention immediately. Litterbox issues are typically the result of UTI's or other health related concerns that can be life threatening if left untreated.)

SHELTER FAVORITES

Cat Litter: Dr. Elsey's Ultra Unscented Clumping Litter

Cat Food: Nutrisource, Tiki Cat, Royal Canin Mother & Babycat

