

# Better Cat Care Tips For Better Cat Owners

A lot of people get a cat because kittens are so adorable. Then, when they get the cat home, they're not sure what to do. They are not always as expressive as dogs are, so cats can sometimes be puzzling. Here are a couple ways you can keep your cat happy.

Keep groomed. Just like dogs, cats require regular brushing and de-tangling. This leads to a cleaner cat. Also, this can eliminate the constant shedding that you will deal with. Regularly grooming keeps cats looking well and keeps your home neater.

If your cat is female, you need to get it spayed at the proper age. Even if you have an indoor female cat, if it escapes when it's in heat it could get you a bunch of kittens you weren't planning on having. A spayed cat is a safe cat.

Taking your cat to the vet is part of being a responsible pet owner. They should go in for a routine check-up at least once a year, possibly more if they need important shots. Cats need to be seen by a vet right away if there are injuries or health problems that don't go away.

Keep an eye on early warning signs of health issues in cats. Cats usually display warning signs if they are struggling with health issues. Some common signs to look out for include eating habit changes, sleeping habit changes, not being able to groom properly, changes in eating habits, changes in sleeping habits, depression, sneezing, increased thirst, watery eyes, changes in behavior, hiding, and vomiting. If they display these symptoms, take them to a vet right away. The sooner you take, them the better.

If your cat seems to want to avoid his food bowl, try getting a different kind of bowl. Plastic can sometimes turn a cat off if it isn't cleaned constantly, and can hold on to certain scents. Try glass or a metal bowl for best results, so your cat will keep eating.

Cats are great pets, but their litter boxes can be unsightly and have an odor. If you can't stand the sight of your litter box, then it is time to go shopping. There are many different styles of litter boxes on the market. Some are even disguised as fake potted plants. Not only does it look better, it controls the smell as well.

If you want a cat that is well-behaved and not prone to biting and scratching, make sure that you do not try to adopt one when it is too young. It takes 12-16 weeks for a kitten to learn proper cat behavior from their mom and all of their siblings.

Do not try to bathe a kitten that is less than four weeks old. It is not very easy for a young kitten to regulate the temperature of their body. This may result in the kitten getting a chill. To be on the safe side you should wait between 12 and 16 weeks after they are born to bathe them for the first time.

Never try to teach a cat to use a litter box. is the sort of thing which flows naturally. Don't

force your cat into the box or you will traumatize them.

Your cat needs to get used to being in a carrier. You cannot train a cat the same way you train a dog because they react differently to punishment. They need positive reinforcement. Place the open carrier in an area that your cat visits often and outfit it with a favorite toy and blanket. The cat will enter it on its own. This makes transporting much easier.

Frequent or misdirected urination may warrant a trip to your vet's office. This sort of behavior is common among cats with UTIs and other health problems. Some cheap antibiotics can get rid of some dangerous illnesses.

If your cat is bitten by another cat, try to get him to the vet within 24 hours. The vet can put him on antibiotics that will protect him from infection setting in, and causing serious health problems. Cat bites can trap bacteria under your cat's skin, forming an abscess, or other dangerous infection that can cost you hundreds of dollars to treat later.

After reading this article, you are probably going to be better at taking care of your cat. Try out, to see what your cat responds best to. You can always find out more, so make sure you keep learning about cats so that yours always feels taken care of.