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# Toilet Training The Cat

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This is a timeline-style article of the events of training the cat to use a western toilet.



Supplies used:

- A [Litter Kwitter](#) (or any other training tray. You could even make one. Here's a [WikiHow article](#) if you'd like to try to train your cat too.)
- Flushable Kitty Litter
- A cat over 6 months of age
- Many litres of patience

The Litter Kwitter manual is available in 5 languages. [English](#), Standard Chinese (thanks to the TaoBao seller), and for French, German, Italian, or Japanese [click here](#).

## The Process:

Day 1: [2021-03-04]



The training tray arrived in the mail today. We set up the new tray, washed the old one, and showed the cat her new toy.

Success! She urinated in the new litter box with no problem! She seems to not care that the litterbox changed.

Days 2 & 3: [2021-03-05/06]

She has probably used the box 10, 15 times. Three whole poops. No cleaning her business up around the house. Great! She really seems to understand this is just her new litter box. I think she's pretty much ready for the training tray to be raised. Maybe tomorrow we will give that a try. I'm hesitant to rush the process, but I am just beyond excited about how fast she learns. Nothing shakes this felinette.

Day 4: [2021-03-07]



After a few short seconds of contemplation, we decided to just go ahead and risk finding some cat poop elsewhere in the apartment. Best case, she uses the tray on the human toilet; worse case, she isn't quite ready and poops the bed. The stakes are shockingly low. So far she seems okay with it being on top of the porcelain throne. She has tinkled on it twice, but she pooped before the litter tray was moved, so it is hard to say whether she will poop in it tonight. Hopefully, she can figure it out in the morning. She as it's 18:00, I think she only has one more use of the day. If we're lucky maybe she'll have another pee. Pooping seems unlikely.

Day 5: [2021-03-08]

She did it! This morning she used the training tray on top of the toilet twice! Sure, I had to stop her from using the tray while it was on the floor. Then shuffle the litter to entice her to look for it on top of the toilet, but she didn't use it last night so I would have had to remind her where her kitty litter now goes regardless.

Still, no accidents found around the apartment. I feel confident to say that she understands it all thus far.

Now to wait until at least the weekend before moving onto the next step: orange tray with the smaller hole.

Godspeed, little Miaou.

Day 15: [2021-03-19]

In the past 10 days, the cat has successfully used the hole. Not really on her own, I have scootched her butt over up to an inch. But seeing how close to in the correct range she is squatting, it seems as if she is catching on. We intend to leave her on the orange tray for the full month.

No accidents to report. She doesn't really have a problem with any of this experience. In fact, the entire time she has lived with us she has only pooped outside of the litterbox three times. Twice under the bed, and once in David's closet. I told him to either keep it clean or closed. You cannot have it all.

Day 25: [2021-03-29]

On a few occasions now she has successfully used the hole in the orange tray. Most of the time it is when she urinates, which is always easy to tell because you can clearly see yellow under the water. I sure hope she is hydrated enough.

Some days she manages to poop through the hole, some days it is at the inner edge of the tray. She likes to go to the washroom while I'm in there. Since we only have one washroom, she tries to use it on the floor. It's easy to delay her, replace the tray, then kindly put her up on the toilet, wait a minute, and finally shift her booty over the hole. She is quite the dippy *felis catus*. She leaps and skittishly looks around upon initial impact to the water.

Day 33: [2021-03-06]

She Pooped on the damn floor.

Maybe Merowmreowreow is a little overwhelmed with the past long weekend. Maybe she is mad at us for not giving her wet food for the past two dinners. But this is unacceptable. I mean, who poops on the floor? It's like she forgot where to perch. My best guess is that she chose to sit in the litter, not on the white part of the tray.

She was doing pretty well until last Wednesday. David forgot to replace the tray onto the toilet, so she urinated through the hole in the tray like she has been taught to. Fortunately, he left the tray on the floor rather than on the tiles of the bathtub. That would have been a pain to clean.

Then over the weekend they did it again. He forgot to put the tray back; she listened to her training. I cannot decide whether to be annoyed with him or proud of her. Who am I kidding? I am impressed with her. These accidents are quite humorous.

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## The goal:

Have the cat able to use toilets, even in hotels, gas stations, and wherever else we decide to take her in the future. Of course, we'll keep paw sanitizer for use after she touches public toilets. It would be so nice to not need to pack a kitty litter box when we travel. In all honesty, I sure do intend to train her to be a dog in a cat's body. She is already very much like a dog, to begin with. I just dream of a day when I can go on long road trips with my tiny little girl, take her for walks/hikes, and live out of a van for about half the year. It would be just so nice to work online, travel, and explore. I mean, I already do work online and travel, but it would be awesome to actually see new things regularly. More than just looking at pagodas, walking on the trail, and mostly just trying new bars in the area.

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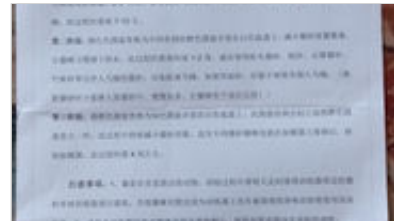
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