STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTION MANUAL

THE ORIGINAL AWARD-WINNING

LITTER KWITTER®

3-STEP CAT TOILET TRAINING SYSTEM

WHY TRAIN YOUR CAT TO USE THE TOILET?

The **LITTER KWITTER®** Cat Toilet Training System is a training device that helps you train your cat to use the household toilet. There are many advantages to this:

1. Domesticated cats need a toilet - usually a litter tray or the great outdoors. Many cats use both during the day. The former can be a hazardous place for cats and the latter is a nuisance: it's full of germs, it stinks, it's a mess and cleaning it is a twice-a-day hassle;
2. Cats use the litter tray then walk through your home on pillows, kitchen surfaces and laps tracking whatever is on their paws with them. When cats use the toilet they only step on a clean toilet seat. They don't touch their waste & they don't track nasties around the home - that's cleaner;
3. The household toilet is designed to take bodily waste away from the home where it can be treated appropriately, therefore it is more hygienic than a plastic tray full of cat faeces festering in a room somewhere in your home;
4. If you raise an indoor cat the #1 reason why you might be tempted to let them outside is to avoid the litter tray. When cats can use the toilet this becomes a non-issue; you don't even have to think about it, let alone deal with it.

Check out my Website & Social Media for lots of fun stuff!

WHAT IS IT? WATCH NOW

TRAINING VIDEOS STEP-BY-STEP

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INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your purchase of LITTERKWITTER® Cat Toilet Training System

With today's way of life in crowded suburbs - in apartments or in areas blessed with a variety of native wildlife - it's becoming increasingly important to keep our cats indoors - especially during the night time when cats can get into all sorts of trouble.

Many pet welfare agencies such as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) recommend that we raise indoor cats to protect both native wildlife and the health and safety of our cats. Anyone who has seen a cat crossing a busy road, a ravaged squirrel or bird; or lay awake at night listening to a local cat fight - and had to pay a vet bill to fix the damage - will empathise with this.

Keeping your cat indoors means dealing with a filthy litter tray - with the dirt being trodden on in the tray and then spread around the house. It's not something many people are aware of, but when you think about it, it's not very pleasant.

With the LITTERKWITTER® Cat Toilet Training System you and your cat can enjoy the benefits of a litter-free household: no more mess, no more germs, no more smells, no more hassle.

Say goodbye to the litter tray forever!

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before you begin the training there are three points you must understand to make the LITTERKWITTER® work best for you and your cat:

1. Make sure that your cat is mature enough before he or she starts the training. I recommend they be at least 3 months old - or at least large enough to be steady on their feet so that they can balance well on a toilet seat.

2. Make sure your cat is litter-trained. This is important as we will be using their ability to use a litter tray and modifying it to teach them to use the LITTERKWITTER® and then the toilet.

   If your cat is not litter trained don't worry - it's fairly simple to do and can be done with the LITTERKWITTER® so you won't need a separate litter tray. If you have more than one cat it's important that you train them to share only one litter tray so that they get used to sharing a toilet.

   At the end of this book there is a website address which you can visit to show you how to litter train your cat really easily.

3. Lastly - and perhaps the most important tip of all - please be patient with your cat and do keep a sense of humour.

   You'll be embarking on a journey together to make your home cleaner and safer for everyone in it.

   Any healthy cat can learn to use the toilet. The key to success is for you both to progress at the right pace and to understand what's happening at each stage.

   You'll be modifying your cat's behavior and you may feel at times that they are modifying yours too. It's a journey well worth making for the sake of the environment, the hygiene in your home and the extra free time you'll have without the hassle of the litter tray.

Good luck and please let me know about your successes via our website:

litterkwitter.com

PREPARATION

Before you start there are a few preparations that you must make:

1. Remove all other litter trays in the house. Like most creatures your cat will default to the familiar if given the choice - so their only choice must be the LITTERKWITTER®

2. Keep the LITTERKWITTER® scrupulously clean at all times. Make sure that the training disc is never soiled when they need to use it. This is important for litter trays but especially for the LITTERKWITTER® as your cat needs a series of positive experiences with the device to make it easier for them to learn.

3. Clean the LITTERKWITTER® with non ammonia based cleaners. Ammonia is present in a cat's urine and the smell can confuse them into thinking that it's not clean.

Please note:
We recommend using flushable litter, recycled paper litter or other similar non-clay litters during training if available to minimise the risk of plumbing blockages. Please avoid using clumping litter.

We recommend using an enzymatic cleaner such as **CSI URINE®** *when cleaning cat urine or waste from hard surfaces in the bathroom. Other cleaners may leave invisible residue which can be detected by cats! For more information please visit our website at:* litterkwitter.com

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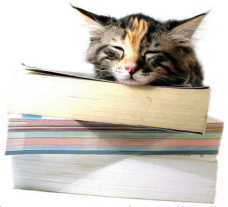
THE RED STAGE - READY! -

During the Red Stage of the **LITTERKWITTER®** training, your cat will modify two important behaviours:

- *Whenever they need to do their business they'll learn to go into the room where the toilet is.*
- *They'll learn to hop up onto the toilet to do it.*

1. Place the **LITTERKWITTER®** on the floor next to the toilet. Insert the red training disc and fill with 4-5 cups of litter.
2. Show your cat the **LITTERKWITTER®** put them into it so they can feel that it's got litter in it like their regular tray. Try to do this around the times that they usually go to the toilet. Pretty soon they'll get the idea.

3. Make sure the door to the bathroom is always left open so your cat can get in. If they can't get in they'll have to go somewhere else!
4. Keep showing them where the tray is for a few days. It should only take your cat 2-3 days to get used to this and then they'll regularly go to this room to use the **LITTERKWITTER®**.
5. At night, keep your cat in this bathroom to help them become adjusted to using their tray there. After a few days you can move onto the second part of the red stage - getting your cat to hop up onto the toilet!



6. Getting your cat to hop up onto the toilet is easier than it sounds.
7. Raise the lid and seat on the toilet.
8. Slip the **LITTERKWITTER®** on top of the porcelain bowl and push down to fit securely. The **LITTERKWITTER®** is designed for all standard toilet bowls and has adjustable clips to ensure a snug fit. Remove and replace the clips as required to ensure the **LITTERKWITTER®** fits securely without any movement. The device must feel solid to give your cat the confidence to proceed.
9. Insert the red training disc if it isn't already in place and fill with litter as before.
10. Show your cat where the **LITTERKWITTER®** is. Put them on it so that they understand that it's moved. Again, try to be there when they first go looking for it to make sure they know where it is.

11. Your cat should have no trouble hopping up onto the toilet bowl as cats are naturally nimble creatures. However, if your cat is still young or unusually small you can place a small step (made from books, for example) next to the toilet to help them jump up.

You'll be surprised just how quickly they get the hang of this! Give them at least two weeks to get used to their new toilet being up in the air. Once they are doing this as though it were second nature, it's time to move onto the Amber Stage.

Make sure you don't rush your cat through this Red Stage. It's important that they do this as a habit to maximise success in the following stages.

THE AMBER STAGE - STEADY! -

During the Amber Stage of the **LITTERKWITTER®** training your cat will modify two more important behaviours:

- *They will learn to position themselves over a hole through to the toilet pan and water below;*
- *They will learn to balance with their paws on the seat.*

1. Replace the Red Training Disc with the Amber Training Disc. Put 3 - 4 cups of litter in the Amber Disc to just below the inner ridge. The inner ridge will help stop litter falling into the toilet pan.
2. Show your cat the Amber Training Disc and put them on it like before. Show them the hole and place your cat on the tray so that their front paws are on the seat area of the **LITTERKWITTER®** and their back paws are either side of the hole.
3. Your cat will be curious about the hole and will probably peer through it to see what's below. This should be encouraged as it will help them see the water and aim for the hole.
4. Going though the hole will be hit and miss - sometimes they'll do it, sometimes they won't. Your cat is likely to find it easier to urinate through the hole than defecate at first. Don't worry about this - the main thing they're learning at this stage is confidence and the correct position.
5. When they squat to use the toilet your cat will instinctively move its back paws towards its front paws to gain balance. They'll probably keep their back paws in the litter at first but this will change over time to placing them either side of their front paws on the seat.

Once your cat is regularly placing both front paws and at least one of its rear paws on the seat and squatting approximately over the hole; this is your cue to move onto the Green Stage. Make sure your cat is doing this regularly and comfortably before moving on. If you rush them before they're ready they'll object. Spend a minimum 2 -4 weeks at this stage.

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THE GREEN STAGE
- GO! -

By the end of the Green Stage of the LITTERKWITTER® training your cat will be able to use the toilet just like everyone else in the home. During this stage they'll modify their behaviour in three key ways:

- *They'll learn to balance entirely on the rim of the LITTERKWITTER®*
- *They'll urinate and defecate through a hole in the Green training disc into the toilet pan on the majority of occasions.*
- *They'll be happy with a small scattering of litter reducing to none at all in the final days.*

1. Replace the Amber Training Disc with the Green Training Disc. Scatter half a cup of litter on the outer edge of the Green Disc up to the ridge.
2. Show your cat the Green training disc and put them on it like before. Showthem the hole and place them on the device so that their front and rear paws are on the seat area of the LITTERKWITTER®. Their rear paws may still stray onto the edge of the green disc.

3. Your cat will notice the hole is larger and will probably spend some time looking into it with their head through the hole. This is perfectly normal with curious cats. They'll be intrigued by the water and may even drink from it.

   The water in a just-flushed toilet pan is simply tap water so don't be too concerned. They drink far worse in the great outdoors!
4. Let your cat experiment at this stage so they become confident. Let them gain their balance by investigating the LITTERKWITTER® and try to catch them when they are trying to go to make sure they understand what to do.

   Don't be afraid to help your cat get their paws in the right place. They'll learn quickly and when they have done it once it'll get easier on each further occasion.

5. You'll be surprised how quickly your cat will get used to the larger hole. The previous two training discs and the time taken getting to this point have established the toilet as their place to go so they want to succeed as much as you want them to.
6. When your cat is using the Green Training Disc comfortably start reducing the amount of litter to a trickle and experiment from time to time with none. Let your cat dictate the pace of the reduction but keep pushing to reduce their need for it to be there. You'll notice they will continue to use a scratching motion with their paw as though trying to cover something up. Many cats do this after eating too - it's simply a reflex that makes your cat feel better about things. It doesn't mean they need to have litter present.
7. You may notice that some of your cat's waste lands on the Green Disc. This is a good thing, it means that they are squatting correctly on the seat and it is a cue that it's time to move onto the final step.
8. When your cat is going through the green disc without any problems and without litter in the green disc, place the regular toilet seat down on top of the LITTERKWITTER® for a couple of days so that your cat gets used to the feel of your toilet seat. If your toilet seat doesn't sit firmly on top of the LITTERKWITTER® you can omit this step and simply remove the LITTERKWITTER® from your toilet. In either case your cat will now be able to use the toilet just like everyone else in your home.

Congratulations!
Your cat is now toilet trained.

- ✔ **No More Mess**
- ✔ **No More Germs**
- ✔ **No More Smells**
- ✔ **No More Hassle**

SAY GOODBYE TO THE LITTER TRAY FOREVER!

TIPS & TRICKS

1. Knowing why your cat buries it's waste helps understand how the LITTERKWITTER® works. Many people think cats bury their waste because they're naturally clean, but what they're really doing is hiding the smell to deter predators.

   The key idea behind the LITTERKWITTER® is to give your cat the same satisfaction of hiding the smell - but without needing to bury it in the litter tray. The toilet takes the odour away better than the litter tray so your cat will be satisfied.
2. Showing your cat what's expected of them and physically putting them and their paws in place is the best way to learn. Allowing them to make mistakes makes them more anxious.
3. Cats and water usually don't mix well. Cats don't like to get wet! The water in the toilet could frighten your cat and make training harder. It's better if they can experience the sounds and sensations of the toilet whilst feeling safe (i.e. with you there to make them feel safe).
4. Never punish your cat if they go elsewhere in the house. They won't link the punishment to the crime, and will become anxious and may avoid you. Instead, reward them when they do something right.

   Use encouraging words like "good boy or girl!" or "well done!" and give them a tasty treat for special achievements. Rewards work much better than punishments.
5. Schedule big changes for when you'll be around to supervise (eg weekends), like when moving from Red to Amber. This is particularly important if your cat is resisting any of the changes - you can't allow any bad behaviours to stick.
6. Keep your bedroom doors closed when you make disc changes until your cat is comfortable. Cats can object by going to the toilet in their owner's bedrooms. Bedrooms smell of their owners and this makes the cat feel secure. It's not an act of rebellion to annoy you - even if it seems that way!
7. Stay positive. Your cat may have accidents sometimes. This doesn't mean they can't be trained. It means they might not be completely comfortable with the stage they are at. Stay longer at this stage until your cat is comfortable or even go back a stage to make sure you haven't rushed them before they were ready.