

URINE SPRAYING

The aim is to make areas less attractive or unsuitable for the cat, while making the litter tray as attractive and as accessible as possible.

We advise the following:

1) Clean the soiled area to eliminate smells of previous urination with cleaners such as the laundry powder, Bio Zet (Kao Australia Marketing) and neutralise, rather than mask, the smell with 90% alcohol or methylated spirits before spraying with a product such as Bac to Nature or Animal Odour Eliminator (the nurses can order this for you) to further reduce odour.

2) Change the significance of the soiled areas by placing there such items as food, toys, double-sided sticky tape, lemon-scented soap, plastic hall runners etc

3) Spray the cat with a water pistol if it was caught in the act of urine spraying.

4) Provide one litter tray per cat and an extra one in another area, to allow easy access.

5) Vary the type of litter or add an empty litter tray, as cats have different substrate and/or privacy preferences.

6) Clean the tray at least once daily and preferably every time it is used.

7) Spend 10 to 15 min/day at a set time, playing, grooming and otherwise interacting with the cat on its own.