

# Litter Boxes

Cats, including Bengal cats, are usually very clean animals and tend to adapt well to using a litter box. However, Bengal cats can be more active and energetic than other breeds, so it's important to make the litter box environment appealing to them. Here are some general instructions to help you set up and maintain a litter box suitable for a Bengal cat:

## **Initial Setup:**

1. **Choose the Right Box:** Opt for a spacious litter box. Bengals are active cats and may prefer a larger area.
2. **Location, Location, Location:** Place the litter box in a quiet, accessible area where your Bengal can have some privacy. Avoid putting it near the cat's food and water dishes.
3. **Select Appropriate Litter:** Unscented, clumping litter is generally a good choice. Some cats are particular about the type of litter they use, so you may need to try a few different kinds to see which your cat prefers.
4. **Fill the Box:** Fill the litter box with about 2-3 inches of cat litter.
5. **Introduce the Box:** Show your Bengal the litter box by placing him or her in it. You can even gently take their front paws and simulate a digging motion.

## **Maintenance:**

1. **Scoop Daily:** Bengal cats are very clean animals and will appreciate a clean litter box. Make it a habit to scoop the litter box at least once a day.
2. **Regularly Replace Litter:** Completely replace the litter and clean the box with mild detergent every week or as needed. Make sure to rinse thoroughly and dry the box before refilling it with fresh litter.
3. **Inspect for Problems:** If your Bengal starts to avoid using the litter box or is going outside of it, check for possible issues. The box may be too dirty, or your cat may have a medical issue that requires attention.
4. **Multiple Boxes:** If you have more than one cat, or if your Bengal cat has more than one preferred location for doing its business, you may need to set up multiple litter boxes.
5. **Observe Preferences:** Some Bengals have strong preferences for certain kinds of litter, litter box locations, or types of litter box (covered vs. uncovered). Be attentive to these preferences and be prepared to adjust as necessary.
6. **Training:** Most cats instinctively use the litter box, but if your Bengal needs some encouragement, place him or her in the box after meals and after waking up from naps. Use positive reinforcement like treats or affection to reward use of the box.