

# CAT CARE BASICS



## The Litter Box

As a general rule, you should have at least one litter box per cat plus one extra though this depends on how big your litter box is, how often you scoop it, and how often the box is cleaned.

We recommend:

- A litter box around 25" x 18" for the average cat - metal litter boxes are a bit more expensive but hold up better over time
- Using at least 3 inches of litter - 4 inches if your cat likes to dig deep
- Scooping twice daily
- Dumping the litter and cleaning the box with soap and water at least once a month

## Vet Care

Kittens will need vaccinations every 3-4 weeks until they reach 6 months of age at which time they can be spayed/neutered.

Adult cats will need to see the vet at least once a year for routine vaccinations and exams.

## Preventing Destructive Behavior

In addition to providing your new cat with a scratching post, keeping their nails short will also deter them from scratching furniture.

When clipping your cat's nails, gently squeeze the pad of the toe to extend the nail. Trim only the white tip of the claw while avoiding the quick (the pink area). For more information, check out Petco's video here: <http://bit.ly/catnailcare>.



And of course, a spray bottle filled with water and set to "stream" is always an effective deterrent when it comes to destructive or unwanted behaviors in cats.