BROADWAY VETERINARY
HOSPITAL & LASER SURGERY CENTER

House soiling problems in Felines

Solutions start with a thorough history

Cats have instinctive urges to urinate and defecate in specific areas. Most feline house soiling problems are not due to abnormal behavior. They are due to normal, instinctive behaviors----behaviors which can be modified so that the house soiling problem is eliminated.
Obtaining a thorough history is an important part of the solution. Please answer these questions by placing a check mark in the appropriate boxes.

	Yes	No	Don't know
1. Is your cat urinating more frequently than usual?			
2. Have you noticed any blood in your pet's urine?			
3. Does your cat urinate outside the litter box?			
4. Does your cat defecate outside of the litter box?			
5. Does your cat target vertical surfaces?			
6. Does your cat squat during the problem urination?			
7. Is the amount voided per location large?			
8. Is there more than one location involved?			
9. Is the problem confined to carpeted surfaces?			
10. Have there been any recent changes or stresses from your cat's perspective?			
11. Are there other cats in the household?			
12. Has there been a recent move?			
13. Has there been a change in the family, the household or schedule of family members?			
14. Have you introduced new pets in the last three months?			
15. Does your cat spray only when she is in estrus (heat)?			
16. Does your cat have easy access to the litter box?			
17. Is the litter you use scented?			
18. Is the litter you use deodorized?			
19. Have you changed brands of litter within the past three months?			
20. Is the litter box hooded?			
21. Is the litter box cleaned with something other than soap and water?			
22. Does more than one cat use the same litter box?			
23. Are feces and urine scooped from the box daily?			
24. Is the litter box changed and washed at least once per week?			
25. Has your cat had an illness in the last three months?			
26. Did your cat have a negative experience near the litter box? (Scared, punished or medication given?)			
27. Is the litter box in a noisy or busy location?			