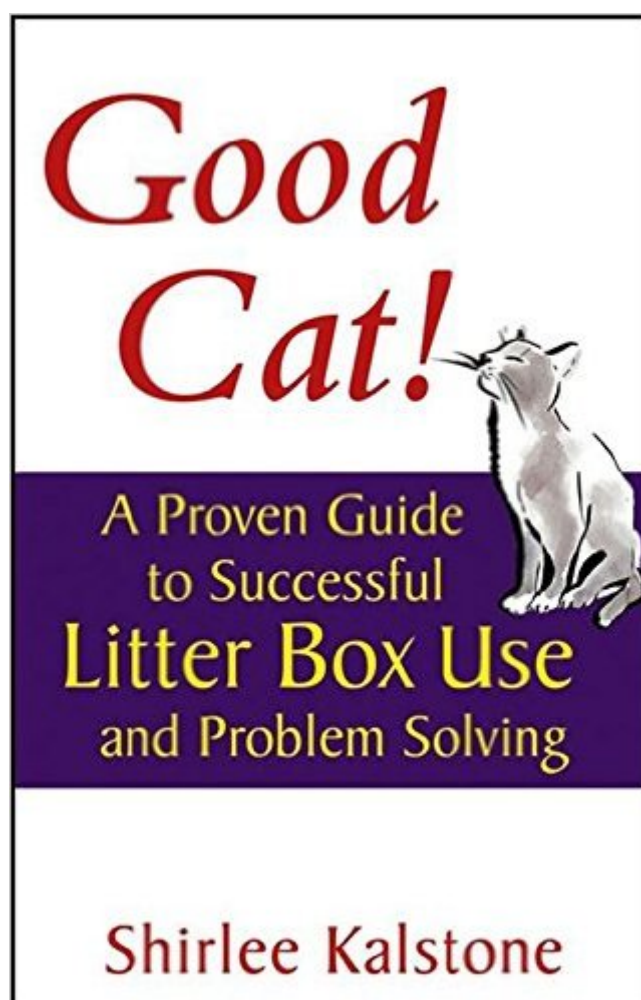


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# Good Cat!: A Proven Guide To Successful Litter Box Use And Problem Solving (Howell Cat Book Of Distinction)



## Synopsis

Stop punishing your cat and start praising him instead! Your cat is by nature a clean, fastidious creature--so why has he stopped using the litter box? And what can you do to get him back on track? This book gives you the inside scoop on litter box protocol and how to better understand your cat's needs so you can nip problems in the bud--or prevent them before they start. *Good Cat!* outlines a step-by-step retraining program for your cat that clearly explains: \* How to pinpoint the cause of the problem \* Why punishing your cat isn't the answer \* The pros and cons of various types of litter and litter boxes \* How to teach your cat litter box basics \* The best methods for removing odors and stains \* How to introduce change without upsetting your cat Your cat is trying to tell you something when he rejects the litter box. With this book, you'll discover how to respond properly--so you can say *Good Cat!*

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I didn't find anything in this book that I couldn't find on the web, but the advantage of owning it is that it is all in one place and can be used for a quick reference. I have two adolescent cats that urinated repeatedly on a bed and in the corner of the dining room. In November I dropped them off at the Animal Protective League on a Friday afternoon and told the truth as to why I was leaving them. On Saturday I read the receipt they gave me and saw separate charges for each cat for 1) Euthanasia; and 2) Cremation. By Sunday evening I was sick and quite depressed. All I could see was one of them (named Jewel) looking right at me meowing with a scared look in her face as they

were taking her away. On Monday I called and was able to get them back on Wednesday sans gonads. Using this book and other information from their vet and the web I devised a five week program of re-education for my friends consisting of: 1) Changing litter brands; 2) Moving the litter boxes to a more convenient location; 3) Confining them to the basement with their food and litter when I wasn't at home; 4) Thoroughly treating the spots where they (both of them!) were urinating; 5) Playing with and feeding them both at these same spots; 6) Gradually allowing them more time to freely roam the house. I graduated them both the first week in January by giving them complete ownership of the house and here it is mid February and there have been NO violations. They sleep on the bed and pretty much ignore the area in the dining room where they used to urinate. I really could not have lived with myself had I not at least tried to work with them before opting for the last resort - euthanasia. I now have two friends that share their house with me and provide me with good companionship and a lot of laughs.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It was very helpful. There was a lot of good, practical advice. Book gave me insight to my cat's behavior - he's pretty good at this stage - but I understand him even better now!! Thanks, Shirlee!

This book is easy to read and full of useful advice that I haven't found anywhere else! The book tells you how to solve your cat's behavioral problems by getting to the root of the problem. I love my cat and I love this book!

Very common sense, basic training info. My 15 year old cat is urinating all over the house, however, we have been taking him to a weekend home for 15 years and to date has never had an elimination misshap. My long time veterinarian is equally perplexed as to his different behavior in 2 different places. All the available urine analysis & blood tests were done. I've tried multiple unscented litters at home and different litter boxes to no avail. There has been no change in the location of his litter box or our behavior, that is noticeable to us! I was hoping that this book would have offered us some solution that we hadn't already tried. If you don't have extensive experience with cats, I'd recommend it to the lay cat owner!

I don't know a thing about cat except they like red laser pointers and like wet food. This book was great to introduce my new pet to a much smoother relationship with my cat. It discusses litter use, behavior, and overall just taking care of a cat's needs and wants.

This book contains a lot of helpful information, particularly for those who are new to being owned by a cat. I've had cats all of my life and I found several pieces of info that I was unaware of.

Our elderly cat suddenly developed litter-box behavior problems. He was given a clean bill of health by the vet. The book helped us to understand and change the behavior.

This book is not what one needs to do the trick. The ideas in it did not work for us. It may be a good book for you, but it lacks so much.

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