Litterbox Issues

- **Take your cat to the vet.** Going to the bathroom outside the litterbox could be a sign of illness. Rule out any disease with your vet first.
- **Change your cat's litter.** They may not like the litter so if you recently switched, switch back and try gradually changing. You can also try unscented or clumping.
- **Move the litterbox.** It should be in an area that is well-lit, easy to access, away from food/toys, large enough, quiet, clean, easy to use, and free of accessories such as liners.
- **Have enough litterboxes.** One per cat, plus an additional one is recommended.
- **Is your cat bored or stressed?** A cat without enough enrichment may become bored and then stressed. Stressed cats may exhibit changes in litterbox behavior.
- **Cats don't like change.** They may be reacting to a change in the environment, such as a move or new people or animals.
- Be patient. They aren't doing it out of spite or intentionally trying to ruin your furniture.
- This can happen over time. Their opinions or physical abilities change and what worked in the past may not always work.
- If you need additional help, consider contacting a feline behaviorist to help resolve the problem.