

My cat had bladder stones. The vet took care of them, but now the cat is urinating on the BED! What do I do?

I am a cat foster in Chino Valley for United Animal Friends. Your cat has probably come to associate the cat box with pain. Make sure if you can that she likes the litter you offer. Unscented is best. Try a brand available at Costco which is inexpensive, Litter Purr-fect by Back to Nature. It is a clumping litter with only natural lemon grass in it and it clumps hard. All my own cats and my foster cats and kittens seem to prefer it.

Petsmart's house brand is also acceptable.

You will need to keep her in a small area to discourage her from urinating in spots already visited. I know it may be inconvenient, but still easier than cleaning urine off cloth surfaces. Refrain from using strong chemical cleaners on surfaces she has marked. It will only spur her to do it again. Bleach very diluted is not the worst, but some surfaces do not tolerate bleach. I like an organic cleaner.

There was a cat I fostered who was urinating on cloth surfaces, and one way I curtailed it was to put a towel/rag next to the cat box in the bathroom. It kept her from using the beds, carpet and furniture. It is still a little gross and a bit of a pain, and so I found her a home as a shop cat in a wood shop where there was no cloth/fabric/carpet.

In addition to bladder stones she probably also has a problem with her urine being too acidic or too alkaline. Ask the vet what the PH of her urine was when they tested it. They usually do not address this issue. All they will tell you is to give her sufficient canned food to make sure she gets enough moisture in her diet.

Wysong Pet Products (<http://www.wysong.net/>) are carried at most good pet stores and some feed stores. They offer a really good quality cat food called Uretic. My cats love it. Once you find out the PH (which I think should be at about 6.2-6.5- check with vet for the ideal), they also offer a probiotic that can be mixed with wet food or sprinkled on the Uretic, that helps to keep the cat's body in the correct acid/alkaline balance. They also sell a little Ph tester, that is a paper strip that can be put in the urine when you find it to test the urine.

I have a cat who was developing some bladder crystals caused by this issue. She started peeing in the kitchen sink !!! I was easily able to test her urine there. Uretic is a little pricey if you have multiple cats so I buy one bag a month and put some out every other day or so with the probiotic sprinkled on it. More often if she starts sprinkling the sink. When she feels fine, she does not do that.

We have found that it is cheaper to ask your local pet merchant to order for you, so that you do not have to pay the shipping. Wysong will ship them any quantity they want, no minimums.

Hope this helps you --- Good Luck, Ambrosia