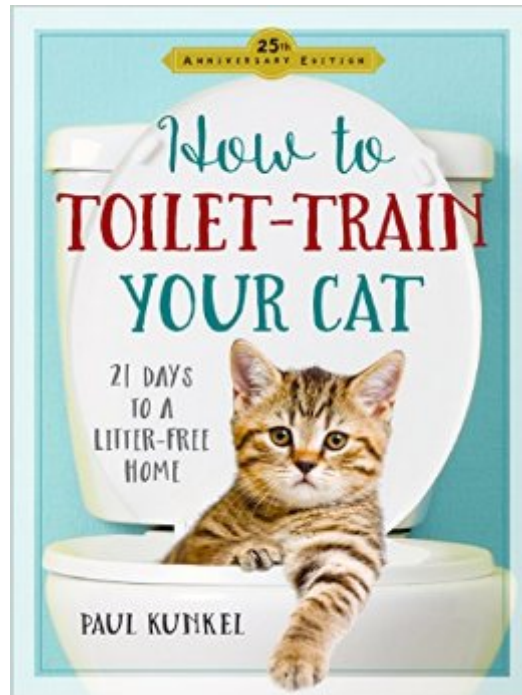


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# How To Toilet-Train Your Cat: 21 Days To A Litter-Free Home



## Synopsis

Paul Kunkel, who toilet-trained his first cat while in college and who has continued to train his own and his friends' cats ever since, presents a foolproof, 21-Day-Program for teaching any litter-trained cat between the ages of 6 months and 10 years to use a toilet instead of a litter box. (Older cats can still be trained, but the process will probably take longer.) Requiring nothing more than magazines and/or newspapers, masking tape, heavy-duty plastic wrap, and a supply of fresh litter, the plan begins with you placing the box next to the toilet and, after gradually raising it to the height of the seat, ends with the cat--well, using it like any other member of the family. For life. Along the way, concerned owners learn why toilet-trained cats may be happier and healthier cats. In well-researched, fact-filled text, Kunkel traces the history and behavior of this barely domesticated animal and proves why the box is bad for cats; why many cats equate the smell of a litter box with danger; and why the fragrances, deodorants, dyes, and disinfectants found in most litters are detrimental to your pet's well-being.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is good in that it gives you an idea about how to train your cat, but it misses some things. The last thing you want to do is take the chance that your cat will fall into the toilet. If that happens, your chances of success drop dramatically! With the method used in this book, that chance is raised. If you really want to know how to best toilet train your cat, there is a y-a-h-o-o group you can join for free. In addition to learning the best method, there are hundreds of folks that can give you advice for every problem you may encounter... like not keeping a rug in the bathroom because the cat will use that when the litter box is taken away. Also, if you want a residential automatic flusher,

that information is in the group too. Good luck!

We bought this book about 8 years ago, and used it to successfully train our two 6-8 month old cats (age uncertain, from a pound). We learned the hard way (i.e. we thought we could just do the parts of the book we wanted to) that the book's advice IS valid. The cats MUST be fixed first, and you have to let the cats learn at their speed. Plus, we were not successful until we had weaned them of perfumed litter first. With persistence, they learned well, and were able to learn that other toilets at other's homes, in hotels, on moves, etc. are all the same thing. We haven't had to buy litter since, and love the lack of cat litter smell in the house.

I bought this book recently after being fed up with cleaning the cat box, stepping on litter that had fallen out, and lugging a ginormous amount of litter up stairs. The majority (2/3) of this book is about cat behavior, even to what your cat's meows mean. In essence, why cats do what they do and how they have the potential to be toilet trained. I did more research on the internet before I began Kunkel's method. His method, for me at least, would involve more money being spent than I was inclined to spend (new box that fit the size specifications, undeoderized litter to wean my cats off of the deoderized kind, etc.). Plus, his last few steps involve saran wrap and tape that goes over the bowl of the toilet. In other words, I feel there is a lot of potential for psychological damage for the cat - and maybe the owner, too! Instead, I purchased a CITIKITTY ([...] My cats used it immediately - 20 minutes out of the box - and I am highly satisfied with the results so far. It is filled with litter and fits over the bowl of the toilet, under the seat. It is durable enough that the cats can stand in it and it is easy enough to take off when I need to use the toilet (no adhesives or other mess). A hole is made in the center that gradually gets larger so that the cat is forced to stand on the seat itself. Toilet training your cat is an exercise in classical conditioning, whatever methodology you use. Go slow and with the pace of your cat. Good luck!

Well, the book got made, and I bought it. Maybe I'm the dumb one! We are still (months later) trying, as we really want to eliminate the litter, but have had to research other books and the internet for more, MUCH more info. This author doesn't even offer info for more questions. It's as if he's covered every possible scenario in the world, now it's up to you, the reader, to do it. All you have to do is read the other reviews of this book to see that he's left out A LOT of possibilities. The reader is left to his own devices to fill in the numerous blanks. And as much time and energy as it takes, I find it almost impossible to believe the author has spent time training his friends' cats, too. It is time

consuming, messy, and so far, extremely frustrating for both me and my cat. We have followed, word for word, every instruction in the book, and have still been unsuccessful. The Saran Wrap? Bad idea - the cat falls through, every time (even with heavy duty wrap & very light Siamese cat ) which causes MUCH consternation on the part of the cat. We finally rig it so he can go again - he'll go, but doesn't like it. He has to be contained in the bathroom, and even still, will go on the floor rather than in the pot. The pace of the training is entirely too fast, and offers no other options. Note to publisher: if you reprint this book, it needs some serious revisions.

Bought my boyfriend a Maine Coon kitten for his birthday, so when he suggested toilet training the Precious Angel I felt obligated to find the right book. This one is very entertaining reading, easy to read, interestingly informative, and the steps towards toilet training clearly explained and humorously illustrated (loved the drawings!). I confess, the book had me psyched about toilet training! However, we've been stuck for almost a month at the pivotal "Day 17". Now two of three bathrooms at my boyfriend's place have clear plastic wrap stretched over the bowls and sprinklings of litter just about everywhere. We know the Precious Angel can do it as he has experienced success once or twice, but we've found "presents" on the floor as well. To make this book a five-star for me we need a help line/800#/email address to the author! I read all nine other reviews and truly believe that with Mr. Kunkel's intervention, guidance and assistance we could all be litter free, right now I'm feeling abandoned! PAUL KUNKEL PLEASE WRITE - YOUR FANS NEED YOU!

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