



## Stanhope Park Veterinary Hospital

### FELINE BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS INAPPROPRIATE URINATION 1<sup>ST</sup> AID

- Blot urine from the area first. Clean soiled areas with 10% biological washing powder solution, rinse thoroughly before drying, and spray with surgical spirit (*may cause colours to run*). Alternatively, use a proprietary enzymatic cleaner designed for cleaning cat urine and faeces, such as **"Urine-Off"**.
- Chlorine based products will remove the odour from concrete or vinyl. Never use bleach to clean soiled areas, as the ammonia will exacerbate the odour and attract the cat to toilet there again.
- Avoid deterrents such as food bowls or tin foil as this may cause further stress, and the cat will likely find an alternative location to soil.
- Alternatively, use a **Feliway** spray (*synthetic facial pheromones*) to treat soiled sites.
- Use **Feliway** diffusers to help reduce stress and anxiety.
- Provide safe indoor litter trays – one for each cat plus one extra. Place in different locations away from food, water and cat beds.
- Provide all resources using the formula **"one per cat plus one extra"** in multi-cat households, again in different locations. Resources include litter trays; food and water bowls; sleeping areas / beds; scratching posts.
- If full length curtains have been targeted, once cleaned consider pinning them up temporarily to avoid repeated spraying.
- If your cat has seen stranger cats outside through full-length glass doors or windows, then place static opaque plastic film or cardboard over the lower section so they can't see out and other cats cannot see in.

If you have any questions about your pets, call us on 01325 620968 or ask a member of our team