



Are you finding yourself yelling “bad kitty!” at your feline friend more often than usual? It might be due to the following reasons:

- You named your cat Bad Kitty (in which case there’s nothing we can do.)
- Your cat is dealing with a problem that needs to be addressed immediately (in which case, read on).

Now let me start by saying that cats make great household pets. They’re fairly easy to train and are quite independent. But you might find them suddenly doing strange things that make you want to go all Judge Judy on it and yell “bad kitty” ...

But the truth is actually far from it. These bad kitty behaviors might be a symptom of a serious underlying issue which you need to address immediately.

So here are 3 “bad kitty” signs which you need to pay attention to:



You might find your cat going all Wolverine on your furniture one day. But that's not because your cat has a problem with your taste in furniture. It's simply because cats need to scratch. They do this to:

- Leave visual and scent marks on various surfaces.
- Shed the outer surface of their claws and keep them maintained.
- Stretch the many muscles in their body.

The best way to deal with it is to provide your cat with adequate scratching surfaces which you can easily get online or from any pet stores near you.

They come in many different types. Cardboard horizontal scratchers, larger scratchers covered in sisal rope, and carpeted cat trees are big hits with cats everywhere.

Cats tend to be very choosy, so you might want to try different scratch surfaces and see which one your cat prefers.

Just keep one thing in mind: No matter what you do, **NEVER** declaw your cats. Cats who are declawed go through a lot of pain and might suffer behavioral issues.

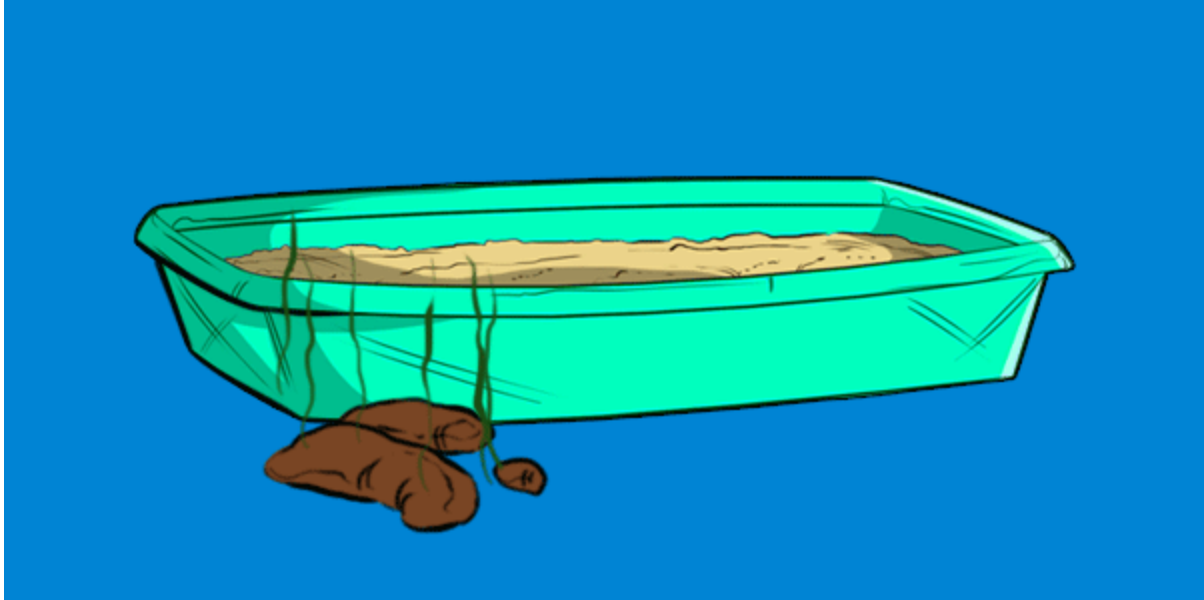


While grooming is a natural behavior in cats, Overgrooming is not.

Overgrooming can cause skin inflammation, sores, or hair loss, and many other skin irritations.

If you find that your cat is overgrooming and licking itself all the time this might be a sign that your cat is:

- Suffering from allergies caused by fleas, food, or environmental changes. In which case you'll need to take it to the vet to be sure.
- Moving to a new home, or having a new pet in your family might cause stress and make it resort to overgrooming as a coping mechanism.



Deciding to poop outside the litter box while maintaining eye-contact with you might seem like the ultimate “bad kitty” behavior. 🐱

But this cannot be further from the truth. When your cat’s suddenly relieving itself outside of the litter box you need to take it seriously, because:

- Your cat might be feeling pain when it’s urinating. And it’s associating this pain with the litter box. To be sure, you’ll need to have it examined by the vet to see if it’s not suffering from a urinary tract infection or any other health issues.
- Your cat thinks the litter box you bought for it sucks. Yes, it happens. Make sure your litter boxes are big enough, you’re using the right litter and you’re cleaning it every day.
- Is there a change in your cat’s environment? Did you move to a new home? Or do you have a new pet in your family? Significant changes like these might be causing it stress and “forget its manners”