

ROOM TO REACH IT.

Map the approach to one existing or proposed litter-box location. Use a separate copy for another spot. Keep established litter access available throughout.

Room / spot: _____

Date: _____

01 Sketch the space you actually use.

Mark the tray, door swings, bowls, furniture and regular walkways. Draw the approach and the space needed for cleaning. This is a room sketch, not an approved layout.

MARK: tray / doors / bowls / furniture / approach / cleaning space

02 Circle what changes through the day.

Think about chairs pulled out, doors closed and bags set down. Note appliances that start nearby and where other pets usually rest. On page two, describe the layout at three ordinary moments.

Do not close off the cat's route or stage a stressful trial. Rehearse proposed layouts without the cat; resolve an obvious obstruction immediately. Keep litter away from food and water.

DOES THE ROUTE STAY OPEN?

Record the household arrangement, not a score for the cat. Describe what you saw, what is uncertain and one practical next step.

03 Check three ordinary moments.

Moment	What changed around the route?	Open, blocked or unsure? What did you see?
Morning Time: _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
Evening Time: _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
Overnight Time: _____	_____ _____	_____ _____

04 Choose a next step and check again.

Layout question / next step	Responsible adult	Recheck when?

Keep addresses, entry codes and private care details off this sheet. A clear route does not establish that a setup meets every need. Ask your adoption organization or veterinary team about unresolved access needs. If the cat appears unable to pass urine, seek urgent veterinary help; do not wait to finish the worksheet.

Full guide and source links: housemates.pet/guides/litter-box-small-apartment/

Source basis (checked September 23, 2026): Ohio State, Litter boxes (access and placement); Cats Protection, Preparing for a cat (separate resources); Cornell Feline Health Center, Feline lower urinary tract disease (urgent-care boundary only). These organizations have not reviewed or endorsed this original household exercise.