



Is your cat litter killing your cat and you?

Many people write to me day in and day out wanting to surrender their cat because of allergies!

My first question to them is what kittie litter do you use?

They are usually kind of disoriented at my question and perhaps thinking to themselves, why in the world is this woman asking me such a question that has nothing to do with the fact that I urgently need a home for my beloved cat!

Most of the time their response is that they use clay litter or silica litter!

With that being said, here is the truth about what clay and silica litter does to cats, people and the environment.

Clay and silica litter is made with sodium bentonite, a natural clay ingredient that expands and hardens when it comes into contact with moisture.

When your cat uses the litter box and digs, particules of sodium bentonite are inhaled by your kittie.

Once inhaled, the clay expands and gets into your cat lungs causing asthma, and other lung problems.

Since cats self groom, they ingest the clay while cleaning their paws.

When this happens the clay will harden and it will clump in their tummies, just as it clumps in the litter box.

Cats will not digest the inhaled clay in consequence digestive problems even death will result.

Specially when kittens are concerned as kittens tend to eat anything.

Silica-based litters are not better than clay as it is a porous granular form of sodium silicate. Sodium silicate is easily inhaled by people as well as kitties, in many occasions it has been linked to cancer to the lungs, bronchitis and even tuberculosis in humans and pulmonary tuberculosis in cats called silico-tuberculosis. Both of these litters are also very bad for the environment as they cannot decompose anymore, due to the fact that they are in their original state.

People dispose approximately two million tons of litter every year.

So it really adds up to a lot of fecal matter hanging around at the landfill.

HPR recommends the use of the following brands...

Feline Pine

Swheat Scoop

The World's Best Cat

One Earth Cat Litter Yesterday's news

World Best and One Earth

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can be used with self cleaning litter boxes.

Even though most of the above brands are safe to flush, please DON'T, as it is not good for Marine Life.

Please note that if after reading this article you decide to switch litter, do so gradually during a period of 3 to 4 days.

Leaving the old litter but adding a bit more of the new one and less of the old one everyday and let your kittie mix it him or herself.

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