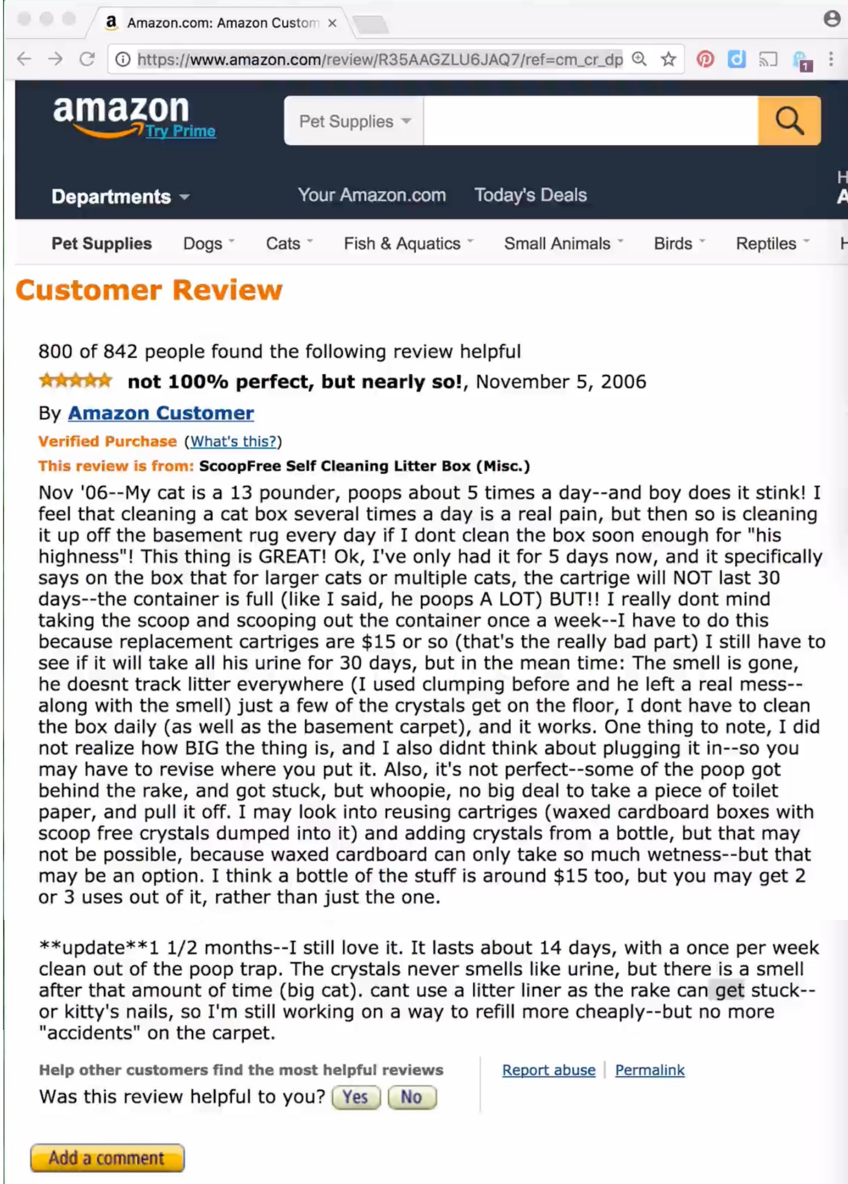

Customer Review

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★★★★★ **not 100% perfect, but nearly so!**, November 5, 2006

By **Amazon Customer**

Verified Purchase (What's this?)

This review is from: ScoopFree Self Cleaning Litter Box (Misc.)

Nov '06--My cat is a 13 pounder, poops about 5 times a day--and boy does it stink! I feel that cleaning a cat box several times a day is a real pain, but then so is cleaning it up off the basement rug every day if I dont clean the box soon enough for "his highness"! This thing is GREAT! Ok, I've only had it for 5 days now, and it specifically says on the box that for larger cats or multiple cats, the cartrige will NOT last 30 days--the container is full (like I said, he poops A LOT) BUT!! I really dont mind taking the scoop and scooping out the container once a week--I have to do this because replacement cartriges are $15 or so (that's the really bad part) I still have to see if it will take all his urine for 30 days, but in the mean time: The smell is gone, he doesnt track litter everywhere (I used clumping before and he left a real mess--along with the smell) just a few of the crystals get on the floor, I dont have to clean the box daily (as well as the basement carpet), and it works. One thing to note, I did not realize how BIG the thing is, and I also didnt think about plugging it in--so you may have to revise where you put it. Also, it's not perfect--some of the poop got behind the rake, and got stuck, but whoopie, no big deal to take a piece of toilet paper, and pull it off. I may look into reusing cartriges (waxed cardboard boxes with scoop free crystals dumped into it) and adding crystals from a bottle, but that may not be possible, because waxed cardboard can only take so much wetness--but that may be an option. I think a bottle of the stuff is around $15 too, but you may get 2 or 3 uses out of it, rather than just the one.

update1 1/2 months--I still love it. It lasts about 14 days, with a once per week clean out of the poop trap. The crystals never smells like urine, but there is a smell after that amount of time (big cat). cant use a litter liner as the rake can get stuck--or kitty's nails, so I'm still working on a way to refill more cheaply--but no more "accidents" on the carpet.

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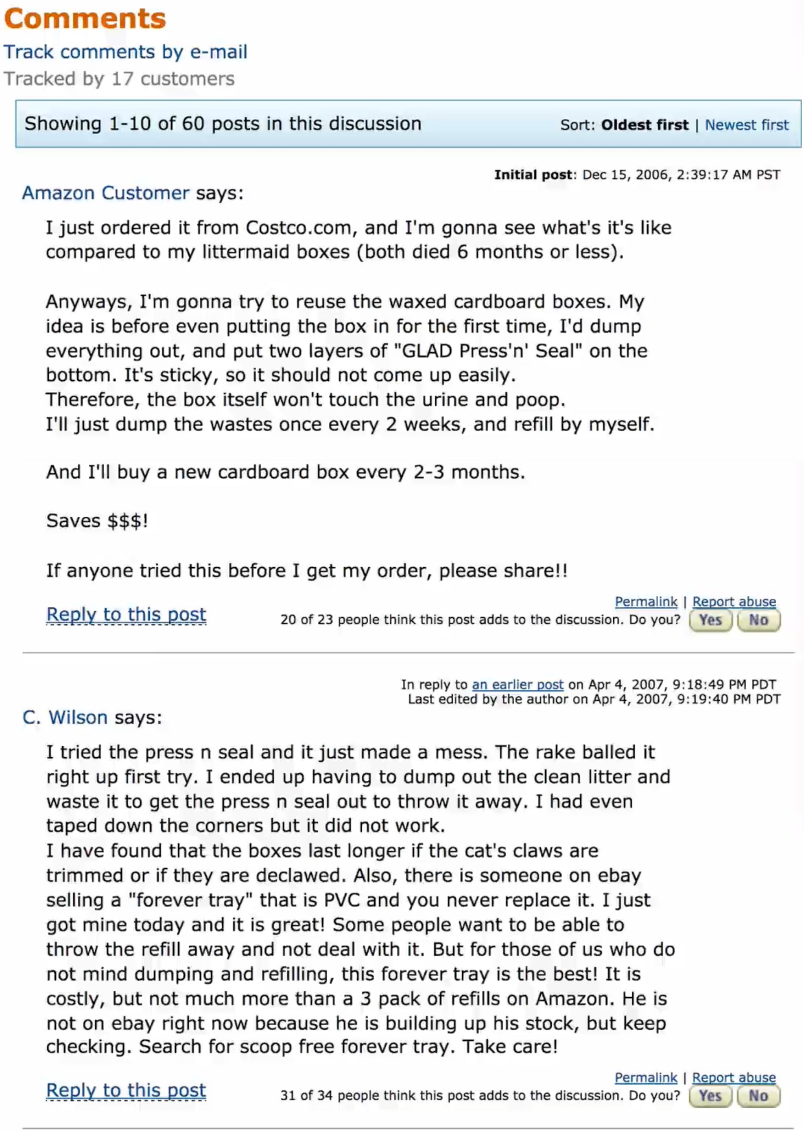

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Initial post: Dec 15, 2006, 2:39:17 AM PST

Amazon Customer says:

I just ordered it from Costco.com, and I'm gonna see what's it's like compared to my littermaid boxes (both died 6 months or less).

Anyways, I'm gonna try to reuse the waxed cardboard boxes. My idea is before even putting the box in for the first time, I'd dump everything out, and put two layers of "GLAD Press'n' Seal" on the bottom. It's sticky, so it should not come up easily.
Therefore, the box itself won't touch the urine and poop.
I'll just dump the wastes once every 2 weeks, and refill by myself.

And I'll buy a new cardboard box every 2-3 months.

Saves $$$!

If anyone tried this before I get my order, please share!!

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In reply to an earlier post on Apr 4, 2007, 9:18:49 PM PDT
Last edited by the author on Apr 4, 2007, 9:19:40 PM PDT

C. Wilson says:

I tried the press n seal and it just made a mess. The rake balled it right up first try. I ended up having to dump out the clean litter and waste it to get the press n seal out to throw it away. I had even taped down the corners but it did not work.
I have found that the boxes last longer if the cat's claws are trimmed or if they are declawed. Also, there is someone on ebay selling a "forever tray" that is PVC and you never replace it. I just got mine today and it is great! Some people want to be able to throw the refill away and not deal with it. But for those of us who do not mind dumping and refilling, this forever tray is the best! It is costly, but not much more than a 3 pack of refills on Amazon. He is not on ebay right now because he is building up his stock, but keep checking. Search for scoop free forever tray. Take care!

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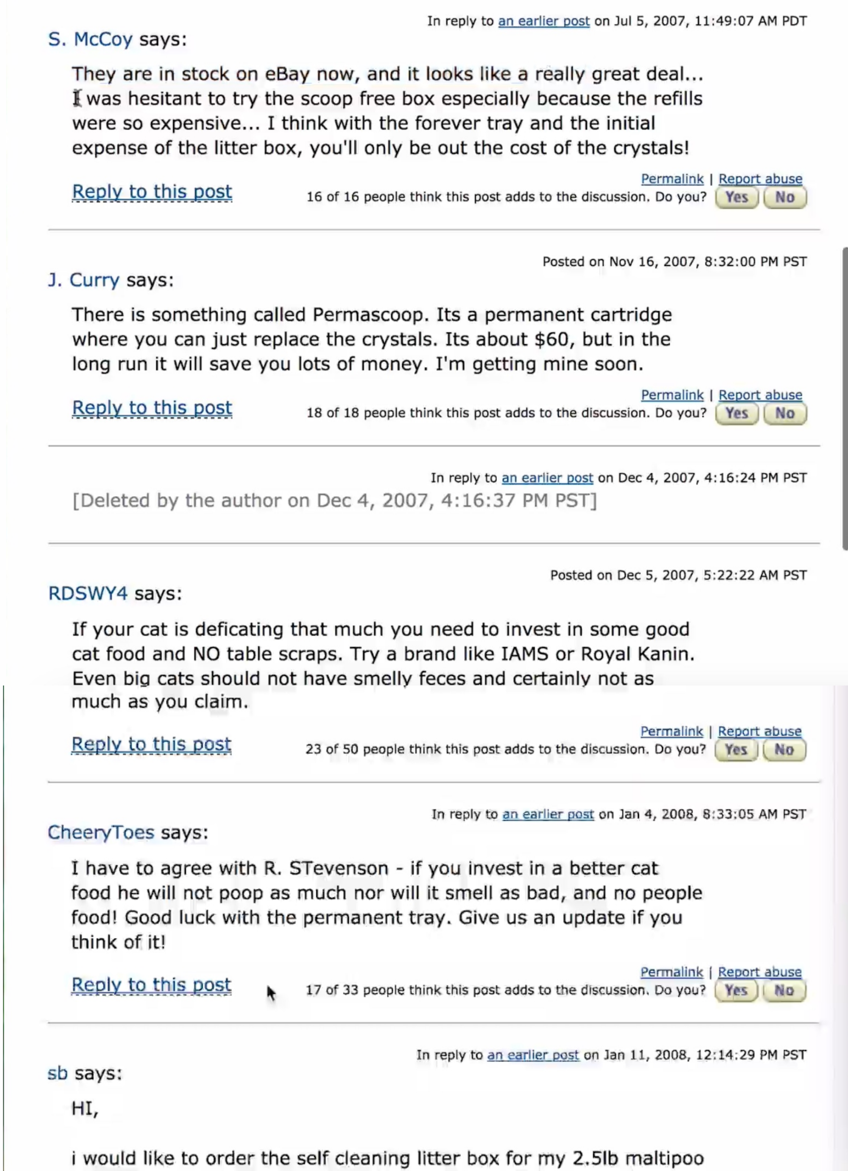

In reply to an earlier post on Jul 5, 2007, 11:49:07 AM PDT

S. McCoy says:

They are in stock on eBay now, and it looks like a really great deal... I was hesitant to try the scoop free box especially because the refills were so expensive... I think with the forever tray and the initial expense of the litter box, you'll only be out the cost of the crystals!

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16 of 16 people think this post adds to the discussion. Do you?

Posted on Nov 16, 2007, 8:32:00 PM PST

J. Curry says:

There is something called Permascoop. Its a permanent cartridge where you can just replace the crystals. Its about $60, but in the long run it will save you lots of money. I'm getting mine soon.

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18 of 18 people think this post adds to the discussion. Do you?

In reply to an earlier post on Dec 4, 2007, 4:16:24 PM PST

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Posted on Dec 5, 2007, 5:22:22 AM PST

RDSWY4 says:

If your cat is deficating that much you need to invest in some good cat food and NO table scraps. Try a brand like IAMS or Royal Kanin. Even big cats should not have smelly feces and certainly not as much as you claim.

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23 of 50 people think this post adds to the discussion. Do you?

In reply to an earlier post on Jan 4, 2008, 8:33:05 AM PST

CheeryToes says:

I have to agree with R. STevenson - if you invest in a better cat food he will not poop as much nor will it smell as bad, and no people food! Good luck with the permanent tray. Give us an update if you think of it!

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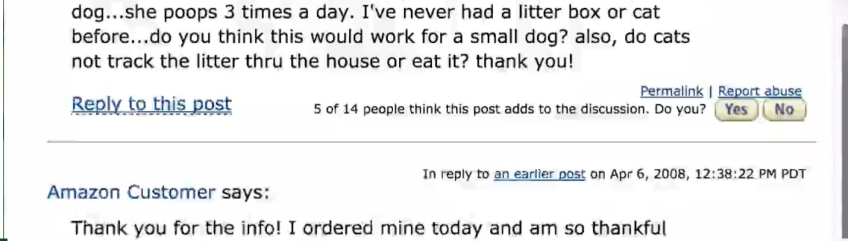
17 of 33 people think this post adds to the discussion. Do you?

In reply to an earlier post on Jan 11, 2008, 12:14:29 PM PST

sb says:

HI,

i would like to order the self cleaning litter box for my 2.5lb maltipoo



dog...she poops 3 times a day. I've never had a litter box or cat before...do you think this would work for a small dog? also, do cats not track the litter thru the house or eat it? thank you!

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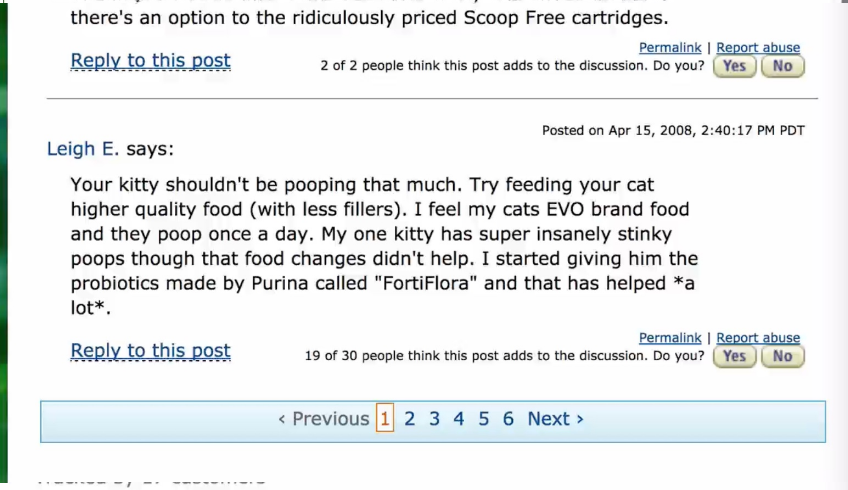
In reply to an earlier post on Apr 6, 2008, 12:38:22 PM PDT

Amazon Customer says:



Thank you for the info! I ordered mine today and am so thankful there's an option to the ridiculously priced Scoop Free cartridges.

2 of 2 people think this post adds to the discussion. Do you? Yes No

Posted on Apr 15, 2008, 2:40:17 PM PDT

Leigh E. says:

Your kitty shouldn't be pooping that much. Try feeding your cat higher quality food (with less fillers). I feel my cats EVO brand food and they poop once a day. My one kitty has super insanely stinky poops though that food changes didn't help. I started giving him the probiotics made by Purina called "FortiFlora" and that has helped *a lot*.

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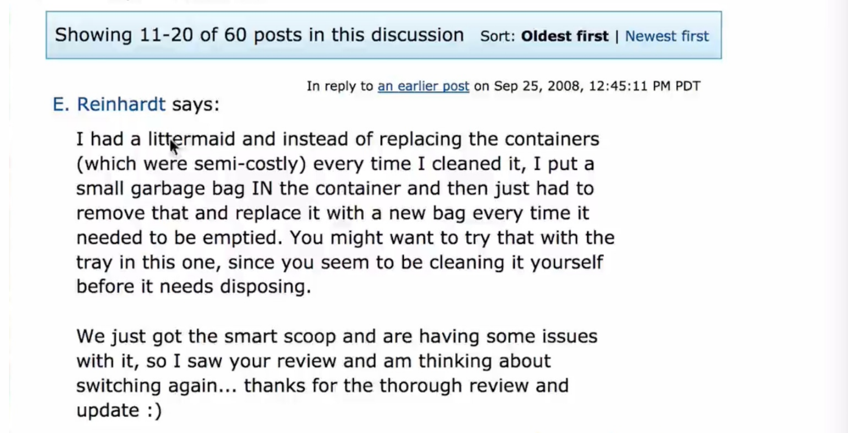

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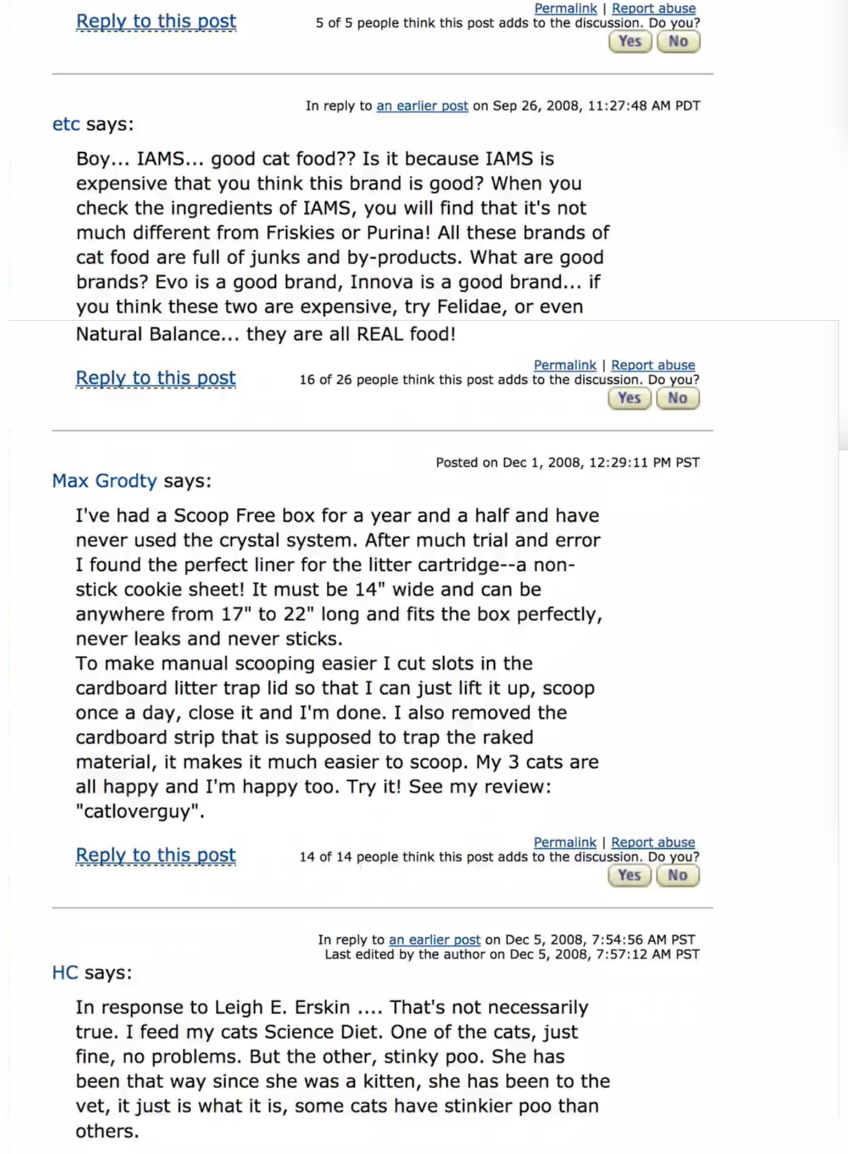
In reply to an earlier post on Sep 25, 2008, 12:45:11 PM PDT

E. Reinhardt says:

I had a littermaid and instead of replacing the containers (which were semi-costly) every time I cleaned it, I put a small garbage bag IN the container and then just had to remove that and replace it with a new bag every time it needed to be emptied. You might want to try that with the tray in this one, since you seem to be cleaning it yourself before it needs disposing.

We just got the smart scoop and are having some issues with it, so I saw your review and am thinking about switching again... thanks for the thorough review and update :)



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5 of 5 people think this post adds to the discussion. Do you?

In reply to an earlier post on Sep 26, 2008, 11:27:48 AM PDT

etc says:

Boy... IAMS... good cat food?? Is it because IAMS is expensive that you think this brand is good? When you check the ingredients of IAMS, you will find that it's not much different from Friskies or Purina! All these brands of cat food are full of junks and by-products. What are good brands? Evo is a good brand, Innova is a good brand... if you think these two are expensive, try Felidae, or even Natural Balance... they are all REAL food!

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Posted on Dec 1, 2008, 12:29:11 PM PST

Max Grodty says:

I've had a Scoop Free box for a year and a half and have never used the crystal system. After much trial and error I found the perfect liner for the litter cartridge--a non-stick cookie sheet! It must be 14" wide and can be anywhere from 17" to 22" long and fits the box perfectly, never leaks and never sticks.
To make manual scooping easier I cut slots in the cardboard litter trap lid so that I can just lift it up, scoop once a day, close it and I'm done. I also removed the cardboard strip that is supposed to trap the raked material, it makes it much easier to scoop. My 3 cats are all happy and I'm happy too. Try it! See my review: "catloverguy".

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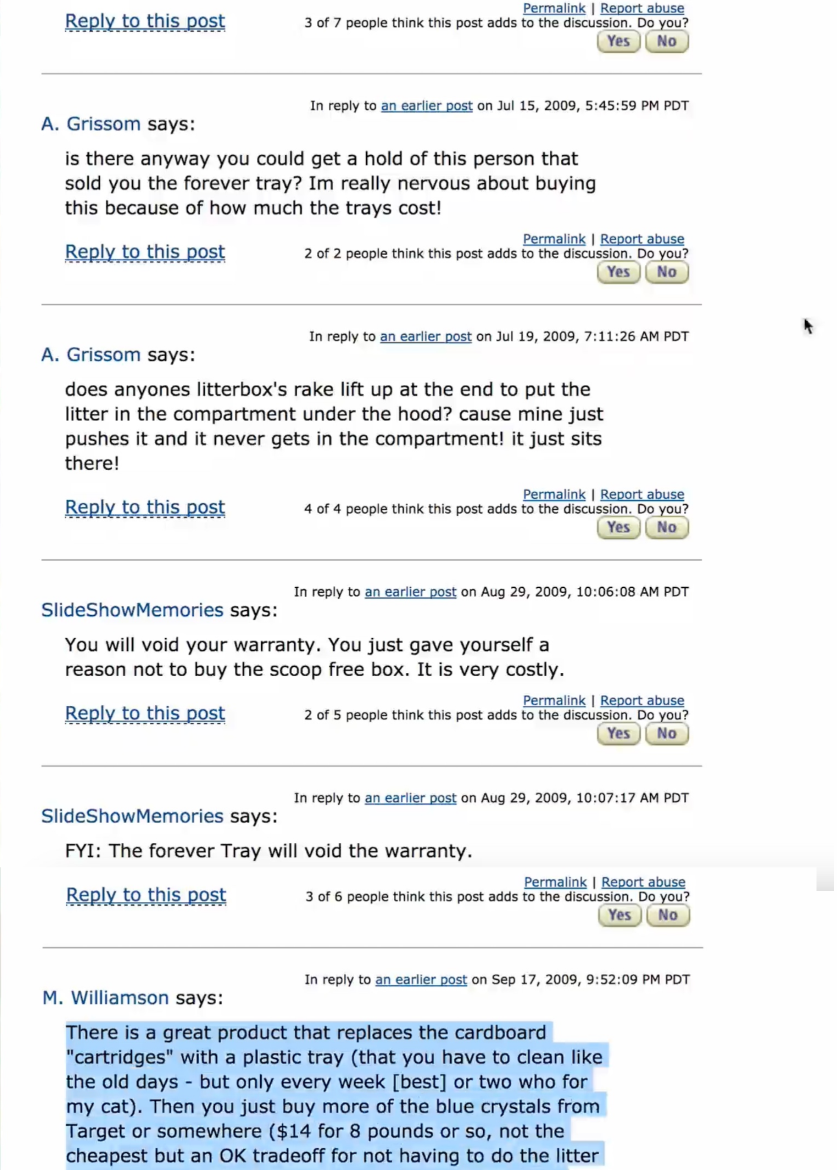
14 of 14 people think this post adds to the discussion. Do you?

In reply to an earlier post on Dec 5, 2008, 7:54:56 AM PST
Last edited by the author on Dec 5, 2008, 7:57:12 AM PST

HC says:

In response to Leigh E. Erskin .... That's not necessarily true. I feed my cats Science Diet. One of the cats, just fine, no problems. But the other, stinky poo. She has been that way since she was a kitten, she has been to the vet, it just is what it is, some cats have stinkier poo than others.



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In reply to an earlier post on Jul 15, 2009, 5:45:59 PM PDT

A. Grissom says:

is there anyway you could get a hold of this person that sold you the forever tray? Im really nervous about buying this because of how much the trays cost!

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In reply to an earlier post on Jul 19, 2009, 7:11:26 AM PDT

A. Grissom says:

does anyones litterbox's rake lift up at the end to put the litter in the compartment under the hood? cause mine just pushes it and it never gets in the compartment! it just sits there!

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4 of 4 people think this post adds to the discussion. Do you?

In reply to an earlier post on Aug 29, 2009, 10:06:08 AM PDT

SlideShowMemories says:

You will void your warranty. You just gave yourself a reason not to buy the scoop free box. It is very costly.

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In reply to an earlier post on Aug 29, 2009, 10:07:17 AM PDT

SlideShowMemories says:

FYI: The forever Tray will void the warranty.

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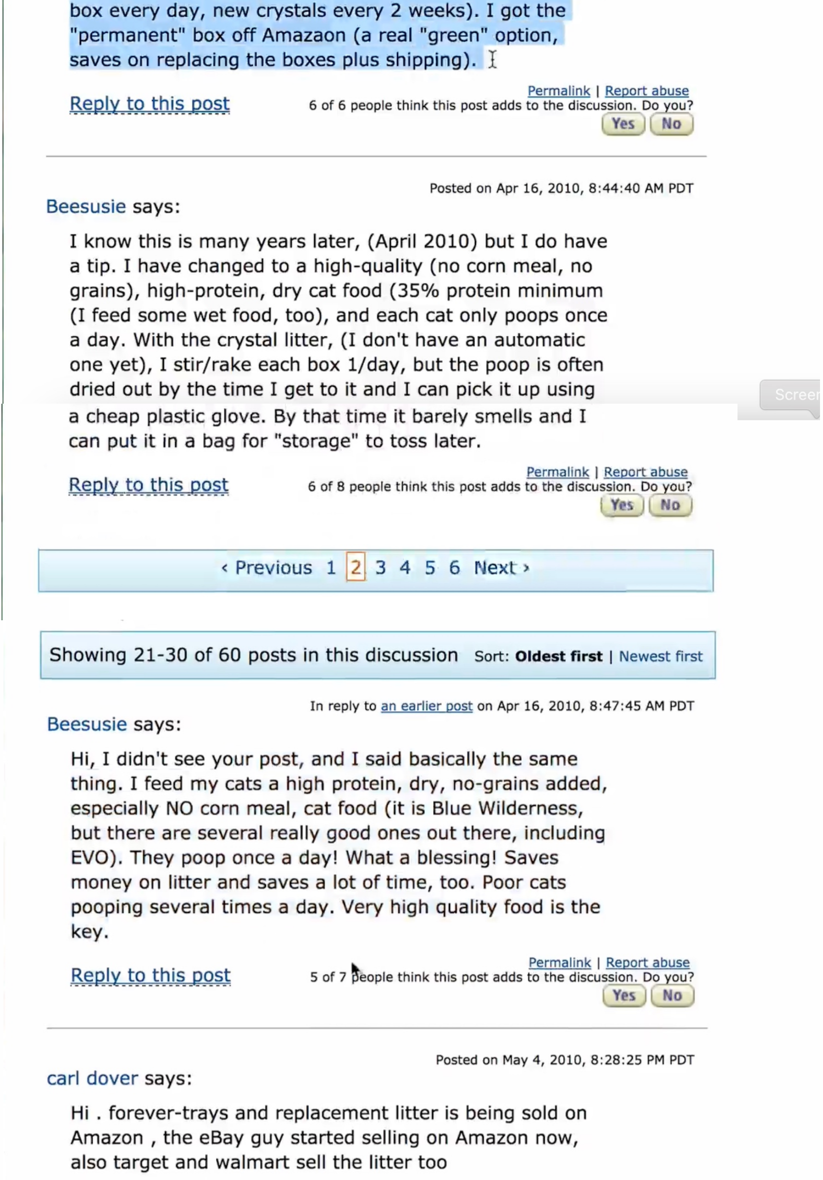
In reply to an earlier post on Sep 17, 2009, 9:52:09 PM PDT

M. Williamson says:

There is a great product that replaces the cardboard "cartridges" with a plastic tray (that you have to clean like the old days - but only every week [best] or two who for my cat). Then you just buy more of the blue crystals from Target or somewhere ($14 for 8 pounds or so, not the cheapest but an OK tradeoff for not having to do the litter



box every day, new crystals every 2 weeks). I got the "permanent" box off Amazaon (a real "green" option, saves on replacing the boxes plus shipping).

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Posted on Apr 16, 2010, 8:44:40 AM PDT

Beesusie says:

I know this is many years later, (April 2010) but I do have a tip. I have changed to a high-quality (no corn meal, no grains), high-protein, dry cat food (35% protein minimum (I feed some wet food, too), and each cat only poops once a day. With the crystal litter, (I don't have an automatic one yet), I stir/rake each box 1/day, but the poop is often dried out by the time I get to it and I can pick it up using a cheap plastic glove. By that time it barely smells and I can put it in a bag for "storage" to toss later.

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In reply to an earlier post on Apr 16, 2010, 8:47:45 AM PDT

Beesusie says:

Hi, I didn't see your post, and I said basically the same thing. I feed my cats a high protein, dry, no-grains added, especially NO corn meal, cat food (it is Blue Wilderness, but there are several really good ones out there, including EVO). They poop once a day! What a blessing! Saves money on litter and saves a lot of time, too. Poor cats pooping several times a day. Very high quality food is the key.

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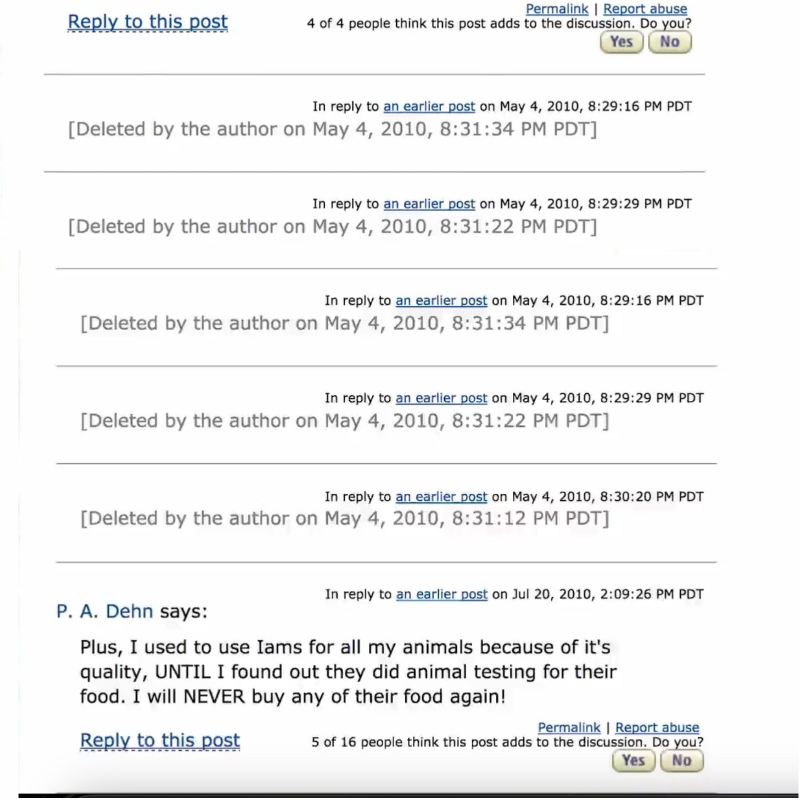
5 of 7 people think this post adds to the discussion. Do you?

Posted on May 4, 2010, 8:28:25 PM PDT

carl dover says:

Hi . forever-trays and replacement litter is being sold on Amazon , the eBay guy started selling on Amazon now, also target and walmart sell the litter too



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In reply to an earlier post on Jul 20, 2010, 2:09:26 PM PDT

P. A. Dehn says:

Plus, I used to use Iams for all my animals because of it's quality, UNTIL I found out they did animal testing for their food. I will NEVER buy any of their food again!

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