

## Composting using Oz-Pet Cat Litter

*The following article was kindly supplied by Jim McKenna*

We have been using Oz-Pet cat litter for three years and have found it to be an excellent product, not only as a kitty litter but as a useful addition to our compost. We grow a variety of plants including exotics, ferns and native plants using the process below.

Composting your Oz-Pet Kitty litter is very easy if you remember a few basic things:-

- 1) Make sure that you remove all solids before composting.
- 2) Composting relies on a balance of heat and moisture.
- 3) Turn your mix over once a week.
- 4) Send a sample of your well composted mix to your local agriculture lab to check that it will be safe for use on vegies and fruit trees.

This is how I compost at home. We have four cats so we generate a bit of waste. You may only have one but the methods will be the same.

The first step is to add all your lawn clippings and any shredded garden clippings (I go over mine with the lawnmower). Next add your Oz-Pet cat litter and a hand full or two of blood & bone.

You can then add in all your vegies scraps from your kitchen. Give this about a week and then fork it over. Keep adding and mixing until full and keep mixing until fully composted. When this feels and smells sweet and earthy composting is complete. This method works well with my two bins which are the dome type.

Compost adds vital nutrients to your soil so remember to dig it in; your plants are going to love it.

Thank you and happy composting,

Jim.