

SWITCHING TO A NEW FOOD?



SOME HELPFUL TIPS DURING THE TRANSITION:

- 🐾 **START SLOWLY** and transition over a 7-10 day period. Gradual transition will help reduce the chance of digestive upset and increase the chance that your pet will cooperate!
- 🐾 **TRY HAND FEEDING** a few kibbles or bites of the new food may help it seem more interesting or special to your pet.
- 🐾 **ENHANCE THE AROMA OR TEXTURE** of your pet's food by adding a small amount of warm water to moisten kibble, mixing wet food with dry kibble, or warming wet food in the microwave for 5-7 seconds.
- 🐾 **OFFER SMALLER PORTIONS** for short periods of time more often throughout the day
- 🐾 **USE FOOD PUZZLE TOYS** to make your pet's new food more interesting. Toys that release food when played with or a hollow toy stuffed with wet food will encourage your pet's curiosity.

AVOID SWITCHING YOUR PETS FOOD during a stressful time for your pet whenever possible (moving, new baby, etc.) as your pet may associate the stress with the new food.

Here's a handy schedule to use while transitioning:

Days	1&2	3&4	5&6	7+
Current Food	75%	50%	25%	0%
New Food	25%	50%	75%	100%

- 🐾 Pets with medical conditions may take longer than 7 days to transition to a new diet.
- 🐾 If your pet shows signs of digestive upset, extend the number of days to transition to the new food.
- 🐾 If your pet refuses to eat for more than 24 hours, or if you have concerns or questions about your pet's new diet or the transition, please contact your veterinary team



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