

How to change your pet's food

You need to change your pet's food, but sudden changes in diet can cause digestive upset and result in vomiting and/or diarrhea. So how do we change foods without causing your pet to have a belly ache?

To change dry food, on the 1st day, add just a sprinkle of the new food to the old food. On the 2nd, 3rd, day, mix $\frac{1}{4}$ new and $\frac{3}{4}$ old and feed this mixture. For the 4th, 5th, and 6th day, mix old and new foods half and half. For the 7th, 8th and 9th day mix $\frac{1}{4}$ old and $\frac{3}{4}$ new. Then go to only new food. If your pet has a sensitive stomach you will want to extend this transition to a 2 week period.

To change wet food, on the 1st day, add just a small spoonful of the new food to the old food and mix well. For the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th day, mix old and new foods half and half and feed this mixture. Then go to only new food.

It is best to change one type of food at a time; don't make changes in wet and dry foods together.

Make sure you do not switch foods often. Pets do not need a lot of variety in their food. If you wish to provide variability try using different flavors of treats. If you want to create a picky eater the best way to do this is to make frequent changes in your pet's food.

