



How to Transition to a New Pet Food in 7 Days



Selecting a new food for your dog is an exciting step toward balanced health and happiness. The switch may be prompted by a change in health (diabetes, crystals in urine, weight gain) or simple aging (puppy to adult, adult to senior). Although you'll be anxious to see the difference your new food can make in your dog, please allow 7 - 10 days to ease the transition from his current food.

Unlike humans, animal's digestive system cannot handle immediate changes in food. It can cause upset stomach, vomiting and diarrhea. Protect your pet from getting sick while changing food brands/dietary needs by simply following these basic steps. When switching to a new food, gradually transition him to the food by mixing portions of both the old and new foods until you slowly phase the old food out.



Days 1 & 2
75% Old Food
25% New Food



Days 3 & 4
50% Old Food
50% New Food



Days 5 & 6
25% Old Food
75% New Food



Days 7 & 8
100% New Food

Instructions:

- Day 1-2: Mix 75% old food with 25% new food
- Day 3-4: Mix 50% old food with 50% new food
- Day 5-6: Mix 25% old food with 75% new food
- Day 7: Feed 100% of the new food brand

This slow schedule will allow your dog or cat to adjust to the new food without indigestion, diarrhea, or constipation. If your pet tends to have more GI issues, you can turn this in to a 10 day switch by increasing each step by one-two days.

Consult with your veterinarian if there are any problems during this transition period.