



How to Transition Your Pet Onto a New Diet

Pets are transitioned onto new diets for a variety of reasons. Once pets reach their average adult weight, you will need to transition them from puppy or kitten food to adult food. Your veterinarian may want your pet to be on a prescription diet to help them with a specific condition. You may want to discontinue giving your pet a grain-free diet after learning that it can lead to heart problems. Your pet's normal diet may be out-of-stock or discontinued, requiring you to find a new food for your furry friend. If you find that you need to transition your pet onto a new food, it is important not to switch their food abruptly. A "cold turkey" switch from one food to another can lead to stomach upsets, often manifesting as vomiting, diarrhea, gas, and sometimes bright red blood in the stool. We recommend that you slowly mix their old food with their new food over a 1-2 week period, and at the end of this time frame, they should only be eating their new food. Please see the illustration below for directions on how to accomplish this task. As always, if you have questions or concerns about your pet's diet or food transition, please feel free to reach out to us by phone or email.

Follow this 7-day transition schedule

Once your portions are correct, gradually decrease the amount of current (old) dog food while increasing the amount of new dog food. Be patient — if it seems like your dog needs a little more time, add an extra day or two to the schedule.



*For more information on food transition, please visit the Hill's website at:
<https://www.hillspet.com/dog-care/nutrition-feeding/how-to-transition-my-dogs-food?lightboxfired=true#>