

TRANSITIONING TO A NEW FOOD

When you make a change to your pet's diet, you should do it gradually. Some animals are consistently fed the same diet and it can be hard on their digestive system to change foods too suddenly. Start by mixing progressively smaller amounts of their current food with larger amounts of their new food. Follow this guide below to help you.

*Give 25% of the new food to 75% of the old food for Days 1, 2 & 3.

*Then give 50% of new and 50% of old on days 4, 5 & 6.

*Give 25% old and 75% new on days 7 & 8.

*Day 9 you should be able to give all new food.

If your pet is having any problems with vomiting or diarrhea during or after this transition please contact our office to make an appointment to have him/her seen by the vet. Your pet may also have a sensitive stomach or be a picky eater which means you may need increase the length of time in which you transition the food. Keep in mind you will need at least a weeks' worth of the old food on hand to get you through the transition. Please call us at 301-733-7579 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Animal Health Clinic of Funkstown

*If the veterinarian is switching your pet to a prescription food, ask if the switch needs to be gradual or if it needs to be an immediate change.