Encouraging your cat to eat at home

Is your cat eating less than normal? Any visit to the clinic can be a stressful experience and your cat may have had treatment associated with a loss of appetite. Here are a few ideas to get your cat's appetite back!

What do I feed?

Feed what your cat has previously enjoyed – any special diet can be introduced once their appetite has returned



Your cat will feel full quicker, so feed small quantities at regular intervals

What else?

Monitor your cat's food intake Monitor your cat's weight Report progress to your vet



Where do I feed?

Take food to your cat if they are recovering from surgery and are reluctant to move



Feed separately to other cats and dogs in the home



Feed in other locations if your cat is reluctant to eat in their normal spot



Feed away from places where your cat may feel threatened, such as near doors, windows, cat flap, busy areas etc

How do I feed?

Some cats prefer human company when eating, others don't, so try a little encouragement but don't persevere if your cat doesn't respond



Avoid actively interfering with your cat eating, such as placing food in their mouth or watching them closely



If you are anxious about your cat eating then consider asking someone else to take over the feeding - your anxiety may make your cat think you are behaving strangely!

