

# Encouraging your cat to eat at home

Sometimes it might be helpful to encourage your cat to eat, like if your cat has kidney disease and needs to be given a specific diet that they are not used to.

## What?

Your vet will have recommended a therapeutic diet for chronic kidney disease and given you an ideal amount to feed per day, depending on whether or not your cat currently has an ideal body weight.



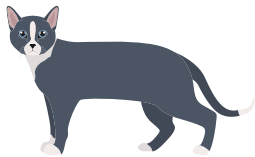
## Where?



With a prescription diet it may be necessary to feed away from other cats in the household, so setting up a discreet feeding station for your cat may be helpful.

## What else?

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



Only start transitioning to a prescription diet when your cat has recovered. If your cat feels ill, it could associate the food with feeling sick.

## How and when?



Mix a small amount of the new food with the old and, over a period of 7-10 days, increase the proportion of the new food and decrease the old food.

Your cat may want to eat frequent small amounts, so try offering 4 or 5 small meals a day rather than leaving food out to go stale or be stolen by another cat!

If you are offering dry food, and your cat likes to graze, consider a microchip feeder that only allows a specific cat to access food.



Feed meals at times other than those specifically scheduled for giving medication or other treatments. If you combine the two, particularly if you mix medication in food, it could result in your cat refusing meals and missing doses.