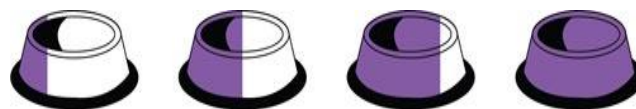


It is very important that you adhere strictly to the following guidelines:

1. In order to avoid a digestive upset, please make the diet change from the current diet to the new diet gradually over a week, according to the chart and diagram below.

TRANSITION SCHEDULE							
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Old Diet	75%	75%	50%	50%	25%	25%	-
New Diet	25%	25%	50%	50%	75%	75%	100%



2. **We emphasize that nothing else is to pass the pet's lips during the trial.** For greater clarity: this means no flavoured vitamin supplements, chew toys, commercial treats (bones, pig ears, rawhide chews, biscuits), snacks and table scraps. You may use the new diet as a treat. For example, you can use some kibble as a treat if you use a dry formulation. If a canned diet is fed, you can either make meatballs by rolling the food in your hands or bake slices into dry cookies. In doubt, please ask us about other acceptable treats that can be used during the duration of the food trial (slices of dried sweet potato treats, carrots, broccoli, apples etc.).

3. **Do not use bread, cheese, Pill Pockets, sausages or meat to disguise oral medications.** You can use the canned diet (if available) to make hand-rolled meatballs. You can also use boiled cubes of sweet potatoes to mask the medication.



4. **All family members and visitors should comply with the food trial.**

5. Eating another pet's food or feces will disrupt the food trial. Try to monitor the pets or separate the pets when they are fed. Stools will need to be picked up and bagged immediately. Put cat food out of the dog's reach or feed cats in a separate room. Avoid or stop free feeding all pets in the household in order to control food access.

6. Cats should ideally be kept indoors to prevent hunting.

7. If your pet receives a flavoured medication (chewable heartworm/ flea pills; flavoured antibiotics; flavoured vitamin, mineral, joint or coat supplement), please have those changed to non-flavoured form or a topical applied to the skin between the shoulder blades (Advantage Multi, Advantage, Revolution).

8. **Make sure you have enough food for a minimum of 6 weeks.** It is important not to have breaks during the food trial in order to facilitate the interpretation of results.

9. **Please contact us and ask us for instructions if:**

- The change of diet causes vomiting or diarrhea.
- Your pet refuses to eat the new diet.
- Your pet goes more than 3 days without a bowel movement.
- Your pet appears to lose weight.



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