

DIET CHANGE

GENERAL INFORMATION

We are sending home food samples for your cat to try. We want to determine his or her preference. You can either offer one type at a time and monitor how well she or he is eating the food, or you can put multiple bowls out with the different types to see which your cat prefers. If you will be feeding more than one cat be sure all the cats are eating the food of choice. Bring us the sample bag or can and we can sell you bags or cans of the new food. You then want to change the diet slowly. Mix new diet and old diet 50:50 and over the course of 2 weeks slowly increase the amount of the new diet.

IMPORTANT POINTS IN TREATMENT

1. If we are treating for possible food allergy your cat will need to be on the special food at least 8 weeks to determine if this will be successful. Any snacks or treats outside the special diet can alter the outcome.
2. With any food change we need to check the weight of your cat within one to two weeks. We can do this at a no charge technician appointment. Please set up an appointment.
3. If we are placing your cat on a weight loss plan we need to check your cats weight every two to four weeks. Cats can only lose 4 oz a month safely. If cats lose too much weight too quickly or do not at least eat 50% of their normal calories they are at risk for Hepatic Lipidosis, which is a condition that can lead to liver failure. Please set up a no charge technician appointment.

TODAY WE ARE SENDING HOME

NOTIFY THE DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OCCUR

- IF YOUR CAT IS NOT EATING THE NEW DIET.
- IF THERE IS ANY VOMITING OR DIARRHEA
- IF THE GENERAL HEALTH OF YOUR CAT DECLINES