

Tips for switching to healthy natural food for cats

Cats decide what to eat mostly by the sense of smell.
This is why they are very often kind of “addicted” on attractants.

Natural smell of fresh meat is sometimes not accepted by some cats.
Because natural food has no extensive smell and taste, compared to some artificial smells, spices combined with flavor enhancers.

Similar to this You know the problem with children, who like the synthetically flavored, sugar added strawberry yogurt more than the real strawberry as such. Even though when sometimes strawberries are not even on the ingredients list, but e.g. bark or sawdust instead of a mixture with real healthy strawberries.

So, sometimes (2 of 10) need to be “convinced” to like the pure natural taste more.

During the conversion, cat owners occasionally need persistence to be successful.
Shortly said, it is worth any effort. As it is important in his animal want to protect them from the possible consequences of unhealthy food.

Possible consequences of an unhealthy diet can be: food intolerance, allergies, kidney problems, kidney stones, urinary gravel, permanent hair throughout the year, often calculus problems, up to cancer and heart disease.

With most cats an immediate transition to healthy food works in seconds.
Some cats need to change slowly, by still using the old lining mixed with the new food, changing daily the ratio for the benefit of the healthy natural food.

Some other ways to facilitate change :

- * offer food and take away again if not eaten within ¼ hour.
(any mouse will also not wait to be eaten and will be gone ... :)
- * slightly heat the closed can in warm water or placing it on the radiator.
The warmth helps to intense the smell of fresh meat, so some cats like it even more.
- * after two starved days, of course, cats may react protesting, getting angry and kind of aggressive. This must not bother the owner, finally it depends on the will to change for healthy natural food. Some flavor enhancers and attractants have the potential of creating kind of withdrawal symptoms.
- * Some cats love bovine lung (one of our dry chewables). Just cut it into small pieces and add it to the menu especially to help to switch from dry food to wet food.
- * Many cats love butter. Heat it and pour over Paneon natural food.
- * You can soften the old dry food with water gradually. First time just a little damp, then wet, then let it drown in it that it turns into a puree. Present Paneon natural menu next to it. The dry food constantly drown even more with water, so the porridge gets more and more disgusting.
- * Venison, lamb or beef Minis (some other chewables) are also often nibbled in between.

Addition of small amounts, if the cat has preferences ...

- * Cod liver oil, or
- * Whipped cream or some milk over it , or
- * Nutritional yeast , or
- * Catnip , or
- * Vanilla , natural, or
- * Valerian (only as a fragrance very little) have also proven or
- * GRATED APPLE " mixed in with the food tastes so many cat.

Some cats also like dog food, which is no problem since there are enough healthy meat with natural Taurine is included!

For the sake of the intestinal flora is recommended initially, the addition of 1 teaspoon of brewer's yeast and up to 3 tsp organic yogurt daily.

What to do if there is some natural menu left?

First of all, cats like fresh food. So use the can size, that the remains are used within 12 hours. Therefore it is no need to place it in the refrigerator. Because cold menu does not smell as good as slightly warm. Just close it with paper or aluminium foil. If put in the fridge better warm it, but please no microwave! Some cats love it mixed with warm water.

Of course, the most important thing is CONSISTENCY!

Cats are very clever and they comprehend immediately if You draw back and give something else to eat. If so, it will continue to refuse the new menu and "educates" (dominates) the mistress / master, rather than vice versa!

We know a case, where from two cats one denied the natural menu. Just after removal the old dry-food bag with the scent and attractants, the second one was convinced too (that it will never again get the "old" one).

Bad kidneys by dry food!

Do you ever try and put a piece of dry food into the water. It raises almost four times in weight! Cats are no big drinkers by nature (originally Desert animals). But nevertheless it should drink water 4 times what they eat on dry food.

And now imagine this reaction in the intestines and organs of a cat ,the little drinking and this is also hard to digest and is located in the stomach much longer than natural food.

The dry food (often "special" dry food for "therapy" reasons) depletes the body of the cat water. The result is several times more concentrated urine. What does the five times more concentrated uric acid with kidneys and bladder? It etches every day a little more until the damage is done.

This is why, poor kidney function starts with some 6 years of age, getting severe no later than 10 years, if fed with dry food.

Another tip: cats are generally considered "bad" drinkers. There is but one explanation. Cats drink never where they eat in wilderness because of cleanliness reasons. Therefore you should not place the water bowl right next to the bowl from where they eat! The wells should never be made of plastic because of the plastic odors and poisons. Ceramic or glass wells are ideal!

The digestion of dry food lasts up to 14 hours, whereas natural food in around 4 hours is digested by carnivores. This fact shows what it's all about.