

Changing Your Dog's Food

Introduction into a new home environment is a stressful issue with some dogs and puppies. **Slow** and **patience** are the key words. That goes for movement around the new house and feeding protocols.

Your new dog/puppy has been eating the shelter's recommended food (check with them to see what brand it is). If you want to change the food, please continue this diet for at least 2 weeks. Then gradually introduce the new food into the same bowl. 10% new food 90% "old" food for a few days....every few days, increase the percentage of new food and decrease the percentage of old food ... over a period of about 2-3 weeks ... until the change is complete. If you want to change to a sensitive stomach food, please work with your vet, especially if your pet experiences diarrhea. FRESH water daily is critical for proper lifelong kidney function.

By using this slow method of food changing, you will prevent stomach and diarrhea issues both of which are troublesome issues.