



## Increasing a Cat's Water Intake



1. Switch from a dry diet to a canned formulation.
2. Add water to the food, whether it is dry or canned. Start slowly, and proceed as the pet's appetite permits. If food is available all the time, feeding the pet two meals a day before beginning to add water could help it accept the water more readily.
3. Place water next to the food. Some animals prefer a full, shallow dish in order that the cat's whiskers' do not touch the side of the bowl; others seem to like reaching down into a container.
4. Add "wet" foods to the cat's food, like water-packed tuna, clam juice, and (low salt) gravy mixes.
5. Offer distilled or bottled water.
6. Try a pet "fountain" that can be purchased from pet stores and magazines.
7. Leave some water in the bottom of a sink, bathtub, or shower. Putting a shallow bowl under a slow drip ensures a drink of fresh water whenever the cat might want one.
8. Make ice cubes out of meat or fish broth. Bring the contents of a 6 oz can of tuna or salmon, or a cup of ground meat, to boil in 2 cups water, simmer for 10 minutes, and strain through cheesecloth into an ice tray. A broth cube in the pet's water bowl will flavour it and increases water intake in some cats.

