



- Canned food is an excellent way to encourage water consumption. Its high water content and great taste make it an easy choice. If you have a fussy feline, you can always warm the food up in the microwave to enhance the flavour.

You can even add a little water to the canned food. Try to feed at least some canned food two to three times a day.

- Provide Fresh water every day. Cats are very aware of the temperature and taste of water.

- Make sure the bowl is full. A cat's whiskers are sensitive and they might not like putting their face into a bowl.
- Some cats will drink more water if you add a drop or two of tuna or clam juice! If you do this, make sure that a separate bowl of plain water is also available.

- Some cats don't like the taste of tap water. Things you can do to help:
  - try a filter (Brita or similar)
  - try distilled water
  - try bottled water

- If they prefer to drink from the tap, make sure they can always get to the tap. If you can, turn the tap as often as possible throughout the day. You could also try a pet fountain if they prefer moving water.
- Make sure the food and water bowls are well away from any litter boxes.
- Cats have a keen sense of smell. They are easily turned off by odours that can linger on the edge of a bowl. Make sure to clean the water bowl daily. Ceramic, or stainless steel bowls are much easier to keep clean on odour free than plastic ones.
- Some cats like a shallow, clear glass drinking bowl. This way, their whiskers don't touch the sides
- Ice cubes made from water mixed with tuna or salmon juice can be a nice hydrating treat!

