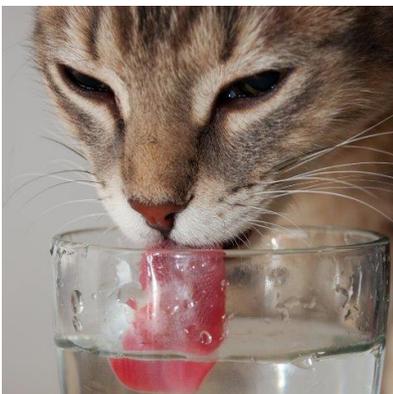


Things to try to encourage your cat to drink



- Set up multiple water stations. Cats love to discover water bowls in several areas of the home. Choose various nooks and corners where he can drink at his leisure.
- Experiment with different size water bowls or containers. Some cats will only drink out of a sink or tub. Others prefer small bowls (smaller than traditional cat dishes) or small saucers. Different cats prefer different bowls i.e. plastic bowls, stainless steel, glass or ceramic bowls. Some cats seem to prefer a clear glass shallow bowl from which to drink.
- Keep it clean. Always refresh your cat's water bowls daily. Keeping it away from the food dish and litter box helps to keep it clean as well.
- Use running or dripping water to entice a cat to drink. Many cats prefer moving water to drink from. A dripping faucet is usually fascinating to a curious feline.
- If your cat prefers to drink from a tap, make sure it can always get to the tap (don't lock kitty out of the bathroom if that is where he likes to drink).
- Get a water fountain - cats like moving water.
- Some cats will drink more water if a drop or two of tuna or clam juice is provided. If you try this, always make sure a separate bowl of fresh water is available. Tuna juice is the juice from canned tuna. Clam juice can be purchased at most grocery stores.
- Some cats enjoy ice cubes made from flavored broth (tuna or salmon juice mixed with water and frozen).
- Make sure that the water bowl is filled to the brim at all times. Cats have very sensitive whiskers and do not like putting their face into a bowl. A bigger bowl may be necessary. Some options are: pie plates, glass candle holders, shallow plates (i.e. fruit nappies, bread and butter plates, saucers).
- Some cats do not like the taste of tap water. You may wish to try various bottled waters.
- Add canned food to a dry diet. If your cat is on an all-dry diet, try introducing wet food to increase his fluid intake. A dry food diet (depending on the quality of food source) is preferred to canned food. However, if she is not getting adequate water, supplementing with



canned food may be beneficial.

- Canned cat food can be warmed up in the microwave to enhance its smell for the fussy feline. Or warm water can be added to take away the chill if it's been in the fridge.
- "Baby food soup" is a treat most cats like and it's a great way to get them to take extra fluids. Mix 1 tsp meat flavoured baby food with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water and serve. This mixture can also be warmed slightly to enhance flavour. Baby food is not a balanced diet for cats and should not make up more than 10% of the total daily food intake.

NOTE: Read the labels and do not use baby food that has onion listed. Onions are toxic to cats.