

Tips for encouraging your cat to drink water

1. Wet food is an excellent way to encourage water consumption because it contains a high amount of water and most cats love the taste. Additionally, wet food can be warmed up in the microwave to enhance its aroma when the cat is being picky.
2. Serve fresh water every day. Cats seem to be sensitive to the temperature and taste of water.
3. Ensure that the water bowl is always filled to the brim. Cats have very sensitive whiskers and don't like to have to put their head into the bowl.
4. Some cats don't like the taste of tap water. If this is the case, you could:
 - a. Refrigerate tap water to improve the taste.
 - b. Serve filtered water with a Brita® filter.
 - c. Serve distilled water.
 - d. Serve bottled water.
 - e. Try different options and see what your cat prefers.
5. Some cats will drink more water if you add a drop or two of tuna juice (tuna in water or clam juice). If you try this method, always make sure there is also another bowl of fresh water available.
6. Some cats like ice cubes made from broth (tuna or salmon juice mixed with water and frozen).
7. If your cat prefers to drink tap water, make sure they always have access to a faucet (don't close the bathroom door if that's where your cat likes to drink). If your schedule allows, let the tap run as often as possible during the day.
8. There are also water fountains available for cats who like fresh flowing water.
9. Keep food and water bowls away from the litter box.
10. Keep the water bowl clean (cats have a highly developed sense of smell and are easily put off by smells coming from their bowl). Stainless steel, ceramic, or clear glass bowls are cleaner and more odorless than plastic ones. You should wash the water bowl every two days if possible.