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If you've **learned enough about dog food** to have decided that it's time to change what your dog has been eating to a **more healthy dog food**, you need to develop a plan of action. Your dog may have both **physical and emotional difficulty in switching to a new food**, because just like us, dogs do have comfort foods. So you should do your switching gradually, to **spare your pet any digestive problems or stress**.

Although we see many dogs as hardy creatures and marvel at what they manage to eat, the fact is that a **dog's digestive system is very sensitive**. It is important to **gradually change a dog's diet** slowly and over time. Be on the look out for any adverse effects caused by the change, and consult a veterinarian if any symptoms persist for more than a few days.

By **not changing a dog's diet** slowly, you may subject your pet to:

- Stomach cramps
- Excess Gas
- Heartburn

- Indigestion
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Refusal to Eat

Even though you have found a **healthier alternative to the current dog food**, your dog may not know that and as a creature of habit, would prefer the old to the new. With this in mind, the first few tries may be difficult. However, with a few simple tricks and tips, the transition should be easy.

Gradual **change to a more healthy dog food** is the key, so start by mixing the old and new food together in a 25% to 75% ratio of new to old. Over the next few days, **slowly increase the ratio of new food** while decreasing the old food. At the end of this process, the new food will make up 100% of the food bowl.

### **The Kibble to BARF Transition**

The **switch from dry kibble to the BARF diet** needs to be done with a few considerations in mind and a more watchful eye, as **some dogs will have problems switching**. There are **two methods** used when **switching dogs over to the BARF diet**.

#### **The Quick Switch**

This is the **popular choice as it is easy, fast, and hassle free**. You simply make the switch with the next meal. Considerations to keep in mind when making the **Rapid Switch** whether or not you believe your dog can handle such a change. Usually, **younger dogs and those dogs that have a healthy, normal gastrointestinal system** are the ones able to handle such a switch.

Dogs that are older or that have **problems with their digestive system** may have issues, as they can **not tolerate kibble and raw food** in their digestive tract at the same time. This can result in **vomiting and diarrhea**. This also means that owners have no choice but to **hold off the rapid switch food**.

#### **The Slow Switch:**

This method takes time, sometimes a significant amount of time, to **fully switch from kibble to the BARF diet**. It is not recommended to continue **feeding the dog both kibble and BARF** as this will lead to **digestion problems**. It needs to be one or the other.

There are three ways to go about the Slow Switch.

The first is simple enough; you **feed the dog a meal of the BARF diet and a meal of the old food**. Each day decrease the amount of meals of the old food until your dog's meals are nothing but the BARF diet.

The second way is **mixing the old food in with the BARF diet** and gradually decrease the amount of old food until the **dog is eating nothing but the BARF diet**. A problem with this way comes in when the dog can not keep both kibble and BARF diet in its systems at the same time. If this is the case, you will have to follow the Rapid Switch method.

The last way is for owners who were **already feeding their dog home cooked foods**. Slowly introduce the **dog to rawer states of those foods** until he is eating nothing but the raw food. However, if the dog suffers from an immune deficiency and can not **eat raw food**, owners can **cook the BARF diet**, though this is **not recommended for healthy dogs**.

If you realize that **your dog is not eating a healthy diet**, then by all means make whatever changes are necessary to rectify the situation. Just do it in a way which eases the transition for you pal so that meal times still remain the high points of his or her day!

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