



Sudbury Regional Cat Hospital

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“How do I get my cat to drink more water?”

- feed **canned or balanced raw diet**, and **add extra water** to each meal
- **soak dry kibble** with warm water for a few minutes before offering
- offer multiple water bowls, dishes, and cups. **Did you know that most cats don't like their whiskers touching the edge of the bowl?** Try a low wide dish such as a pie plate and fill it to the brim!
- wash water bowls daily
- add ice cubes
- circulating water **fountain**... multiple styles available at pet stores and online
- put water in multiple places, rooms, floors
- for cats that like **dripping faucets**, consider leaving one on during the day
- for cats that like drinking from the bathtub, turn the shower on briefly throughout the day when home
- feed your cat 3 times a day
- have your cat's teeth checked - a **sore mouth** can turn your cat off from drinking water

For cats without food allergies/dietary sensitivities:

- add low-salt tuna or clam juice, low-sodium beef or chicken broth (no garlic or onions!), or cat milk / lactose-free milk to water. Change frequently so it does not spoil

tip - use a dedicated ice cube tray and freeze juice/broth into cubes to keep it fresh and in individual portions