

SPECIAL DIETS FOR CATS WITH KIDNEY DISEASE



The cornerstone of managing a cat with kidney disease is diet. The specially formulated 'renal' or 'kidney' diets are calorie-dense, moderated in protein levels and the types of protein they contain, have lower levels of phosphorus which is important to prevent an ongoing cycle of damage to the kidneys, as well as reduce the risk of metabolic bone disease developing, and are supplemented with vitamins, antioxidants and omega-3 fatty acids.

Cats with IRIS stage 2 CKD have been shown to survive 2 to 3 times longer if fed renal diets, compared to normal diets – this is why changing your cat's diet is so important.

Below is a list of trusted brands of renal diets for cats:-

Royal Canin – 'Renal' – Royal Canin offer a huge variety of formulations, textures and flavours

Hills - KD

Purina PVD - NF Renal Function

Dechra Specific – Kidney Support

Virbac Veterinary HPM – Kidney Support

Most of these come in dry and wet forms, and you may need to try a few different ones before finding something your own cat likes.

See our advice sheet on 'Transitioning Diets' for further help.