

Switching to raw



Transitioning from dry to raw is usually straightforward, but it's important to introduce raw food gradually — especially if your dog has only ever eaten dry food. Follow these simple steps for a slow and safe transition using Canterbury Pet Food Co products.



Transition Plan

Step One – Food Selection

Select the appropriate food for your dog based on their age, breed, and activity level. We can help you choose the best options.

Step Two – Slow Transition

Start by feeding a small portion of raw food in a separate meal from their dry food. It's best not to mix them in the same meal as it can make digestion more challenging for your dog.

Begin with a ratio of about 25% raw food and 75% dry food for the first few days. This gradual introduction helps your dog's system adjust to the new diet.

Step Three – Gradual Increase

Over the next week or two, gradually increase the ratio of raw food while decreasing the amount of dry food until they are fully raw fed.

Step Four – Monitor your dog's health

Pay attention to your dog's stool, energy level, and overall health during this transition phase. It's not uncommon for dogs to experience slightly looser stools when transitioning to raw food. Their stools will likely become smaller on a raw diet, as they're utilizing more of the food.

General Tips

Introduce Variety: Canterbury Pet Food Co offers a variety of protein options. Include different protein sources in your dog's raw diet to ensure they receive balanced nutrition.

Maintain Hygiene: Keep your dog's food and feeding area clean to minimise the risk of contamination. Discard any uneaten food and clean their bowl after each feeding.

Monitor Weight: Regularly check your dog's weight and body condition to ensure they maintain a healthy weight. Adjust portion size or the mix of food types if necessary based on your dog's individual needs.

Remember that each dog is unique, so you may need to tailor the transition to your dog's specific preferences and needs. By following these gradual steps and paying attention to your dog's health, you can help them make a smooth and successful transition to a raw food diet with Canterbury Pet Food Co.