

**Cats with a diagnosis of Chronic Renal Failure (CRF) will benefit from Increased Water Consumption. Here are some ideas to help:**

- ❖ Feed canned food
- ❖ Provide easy access to fresh water at all times
- ❖ Use a bowl with a wide surface area and keep the water bowl full at all times (cats have very sensitive whiskers and many seem to prefer a large bowl in which the whiskers do not touch the sides of the bowl)
- ❖ Try a variety of water types (Brita, distilled, bottled, warm tap water, cold tap water)
- ❖ Provide a source of running water (water fountains are available for cats)
- ❖ Feed ice cubes flavored by tuna or clam juice
- ❖ Keep food and water bowls away from the litter box area
- ❖ Keep the water bowl clean (cats have a very keen sense of smell and are easily turned off by odors on the edge of the bowl)
- ❖ Change the nature of the water bowl (some cats prefer a clear glass bowl)
- ❖ Some cats prefer their water not to be too close to their food bowl... try to have at least 2 or 3 water bowls at least 10 feet away from the pet's food source.
- ❖ Provide a water bowl on each level of the house, and try to provide at least two sources of water