Guide to Transitioning to Raw

Some dogs can transition straight to raw, but some dogs have more sensitive tummies, which demand a slower and more gentle transition. Our advice is to err on the side of caution and adopt a gradual process.

Step 1

The first point to make is that we advise you do not mix kibble and raw together during transition as both foods digest at different rates, which may cause upset. Simply start with plain Chicken* or Turkey* 100% meat no bone no offal, in some cases lamb tripe or beef tripe mince for 3 - 5 days or a week. Raw fed dogs have a much higher stomach acidity than kibble-fed dogs; tripe promotes a gradual increase in the stomach's acidity to enable the digestion of meat and bone. Tripe also helps a dog's digestive system to slowly adjust.

(*If your dog has an allergy to chicken or turkey then we can advise you on this in store)

Step 2 week 1 - 2

After step 1, it is time to introduce minces with ground bone but still no offal We suggest chicken*, turkey, or chicken & tripe, beef and beef & tripe.

Step 3 week 2 - 3

As with step 2, you can introduce other proteins to the diet providing you are confident your dog has not presented any problems with the new diet. Lamb or duck are good to add at this stage also start introducing **80/10/10 minces with ground bone.

If any issues have come to light, delay this next stage for a few days to be sure things have a chance to settle down.

Maintain presence of tripe in the bowl too so the food remains familiar.

(**80/10/10 are 80% meat, 10% bone and 10% offal.)

Step 4

And finally, in week 4, you can introduce another new protein, perhaps duck or game, so that by the end of the 4 weeks, you'll have tried and tested the majority of the main proteins meaning the new diet is now well established.

Throughout the process, monitor your dogs reaction to the new diet. Are they enjoying the food? Is there anything they haven't liked? Has there been any adverse reactions to any of the proteins as they have been introduced? What are his poo's like? We like to talk poo at wolfies because it tells you a lot about the gut health of your pet, and in this instance, allows you to monitor his adjustment to the new diet.