

In view of the possibility that in due course normal foods for animals may become difficult or even impossible to obtain, the following suggestions are made to owners of dogs and cats. It should be carefully borne in mind, however, that these suggestions are for emergency use, and dogs and cats should be given their normal food so long as it is obtainable.

It should be emphasised that a portion of *each type* of food—energising, body building, fatty, and protective—contained in the table at the end of this note, should be included with *each* day's meal. Ingredients taken from only one or two of these types of food will not be sufficient to maintain the animal in good health.

Dogs.

Here are three specimen diets. These are for a dog about the size of a small spaniel, and they should be increased or reduced in proportion to the individual dog's size and appetite.

First diet. Take 6-8 ozs. of toasted stale bread, mixed with either meat scraps from the table or horseflesh, 2-3 ozs. cut into thin strips and put in boiling water for half an hour. To this may be added 4-6 ozs. either of milk or of a dried milk mixture.

Second diet. Take 6-8 ozs. of oatmeal or whole maize meal boiled with water for half an hour, and mix with 3-4 ozs. of chopped, lightly cooked cabbage or other green stuff, to which may be added about 2 ozs. of chopped carrot and turnip. This meal should be moistened with soup or gravy made by stewing bones, or such things as sheep's paunch, spleen, etc., for about an hour and a half. Scraps from the table can be stewed for gravy, and these need less cooking.

Third diet. Mix together the following in a dry state: Alfalfa meal, 10 parts; dried milk powder, 30 parts; wheatings, middlings, or similar wheat offal, 50 parts; dried white fish meal, greaves, or meat and bone meal, 10 parts. Add to this mixture enough cold water to form a thick cream and then simmer or stew for half an hour. Add to this gravy or soup made from meat scraps, but do not use any other meat or meat product. About 8 to 10 ozs. of this mixture can be fed to a dog of the size mentioned and between 2-4 ozs. will be sufficient for a cat.

CATS.

Cats will eat any of the above meals if some meat gravy, or else liquid made from stewing cod's head, fins, kipper trimmings, etc., for half an hour, are mixed in with the food vigorously. This moisture will give the food a flavour that will be very much to the cat's taste. Quantity may be roughly 1 oz. of food for each pound of the cat's weight. A large part of the diet of cats can be supplied by milk (fresh or dried) if this is available.

It is important to remember that an animal may not take to its new food at first, and if possible the change should be made gradually. If new food is refused, it is necessary to be quite firm about it, and the animal owner will find that hunger will soon overcome his pet's normal likes and dislikes.