

Quick Tips: Chicken Soup for Cats

Sick cats often will not eat if they can't smell their food. Tempt your cat to eat by following these tips.

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Cats that cannot smell often will not eat. If your cat is not eating, please take her to a veterinarian as soon as possible, as lack of appetite is a sign of illness. To maintain a sick cat's strength, and to help it heal, consider these suggestions when feeding your cat:

1. Offer canned cat food. It has more aroma than dry, so sick cats are more apt to eat it.
2. Warm up food in a microwave. Heating food (don't let it get too hot!) will release more odors that may stimulate the cat to eat.
3. Try baby food (without onion powder). Baby food has a strong smell and may help entice a sick or poorly eating cat. Tuna may also create an appetite in some cats, but it should not be used as an exclusive diet long term.