



# Enzyme Diane

Digestive Enzyme Supplements for EPI

## **Pre-mixing Food With Enzymes & Boarding**

To save time or allow for others to feed with using your own measurements it is nice to be able to make food up ahead of time and have it ready to feed. This works for most pets but not for all some adjustments may be needed to get the optimal results. Some find that they will need to increase the enzyme amount and others do not. Some pets will eat it cold some will not and you will need to find a way to warm it a bit, such as floating it in a bowl of warm water.

The two easiest ways to make up meals ahead are in bags or containers. If you mix each meal in a bag or container with the correct dose of enzymes you can shake them around and the enzymes will coat the kibble making mixing in the water not as important for full distribution. Be sure containers are airtight. I stored a weeks worth of these baggies of enzymes and dry food in a lidded container. I left a measuring cup for the correct amount of water or cut a solo cup to size so the same amount of water is added if your pet is very sensitive to the amount of water added. I always sent extra meals just incase our plans got delayed.

- Use of baggies: Add food and enzymes to bag for each meal. DO NOT ADD WATER. Shake each bag a bit to evenly distribute the enzymes. When ready to use dump into bowl and add water, let set and serve. Store bags in an airtight container till ready to use.
- Use of Containers: Add food and enzymes to containers one per meal. Shake to evenly distribute. I mixed up 4 days at a time with warm water let them set 20 minutes then placed in the refrigerator to be pulled out for each meal. Many dogs will eat them cold and do fine. Store containers in a cool dry place that are not mixed with water.

Boarding: When boarding be sure to send extra meals if plans get delayed and send a small amount of extra enzymes. I knew that if our dog was stressed sometimes he would need more enzymes and a few meals of adding an extra teaspoon of enzymes would usually do the trick. Be sure to include a note with what is in the meals as well as dosing and what food is being used. Its always great to tuck in an EPI brochure and a sign to place on the kennel door stating that they are on a special diet and not to feed or that special treats were sent (if your dog can tolerate them). Be sure to talk to your vet about adding extra B12 when you are gone. We found that Sarge did best if we administered an extra shot 2 days before boarding and upon arriving home.

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