



PRECIOUS PETS



SPCA

Bubbly, lovable Jess wants you

Meet Jess, our very bright one-year-old Huntaway cross dog.

She wasn't trained well as a young puppy, so only has basic manners and needs someone who can spend a lot of time teaching and guiding her into a well-mannered dog.

Jess is not suited to first time owners, so an experienced confident owner with large energetic dog experience is a must.

She is a very energetic girl who likes to chase stock and cats, so she can't be rehomed to an owner who has either of these. She is looking for a home with adults and

teenagers rather than young children, as she likes to jump.

Jess is not a dog for everyone, especially those who aren't willing to invest time in constant training and socialisation and won't provide consistent firm but fair guidance.

She needs to keep her mind busy otherwise she can become destructive

as she needs something to do.

Jess will need a very secure property as she has jumped over fences in the past.

Jess is a wonderful dog who is after a companion who will spend lots of time giving her the attention she craves.

You will never get bored with this girl by your side. Ref: 468306

Getting pets to eat new foods

Healthy food is the foundation of health but what do you do when your pet won't eat it? Unfortunately, I find that some pets become addicted to the high carbohydrate foods that they have been fed and converting them to a biologically appropriate meat-based food can be a challenge. With most pets it is worth persevering with a diet change, as their long-term health will be greatly enhanced by good nutrition.

Here are some tips to help. Firstly, gradually transition over a two week period. Start off with 7/8ths old food and 1/8th new food – mix in well, use for two days. The next two days feed 3/4's old food and 1/4 new food... etc. If they're only keen on biscuits, crush them up and sprinkle them on the new food. Cats may find the food more appealing if you add a few drops of soy sauce.



PET TALK
with Dr Liza Schneider

Another strategy is to put a bit of the new food in their mouth, some pets will taste it and decide: 'OK,

this isn't so bad', and then devour the rest. Stroke or pat and praise them while they eat and hand feed them to get used to the change – they're much more amenable to eating when receiving affection.

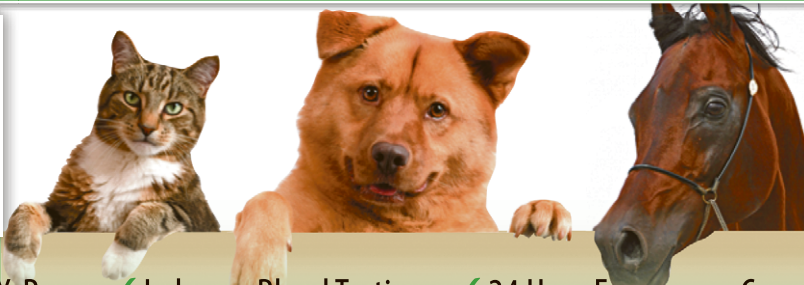
When all else fails, try explaining to them that this new food is good for them and will make them feel better. This has worked in a few cases!



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