

Guidelines for Feeding Wet Pot-bellied Pig Food

Instead of dry feed, offer your pet pig their daily ration of pig pellets moistened with water to create a mash. Adjust the amount of water until you reach a consistency your pet pig enjoys.

Benefits of Wet Food

- **Increased Palatability:** Wetting the food can make it more appealing, encouraging better intake, especially for picky eaters or younger pigs.
- **Improves Digestion:** Wet feed may be easier for pigs to digest, promoting better nutrients absorption. The slurry-like consistency is like their natural diet.
- **Hydration:** Wet food increases water intake, which is vital for overall health and can help prevent urinary issues.
- **Medication/ Supplement Delivery:** Wet food is an easy way to mix in medications or supplements if needed

How to Prepare Wet Food:

- **Mix with Water:** Simply add water to the pig's regular pot-bellied pig pellets. Use enough water to moisten the food thoroughly, creating a mash or oatmeal-like consistency.
- **Temperature:** In winter, consider using warm water to make the food more palatable.
- **Other Liquids (Use Sparingly):** You can occasionally use 100% fruit juice, but water is generally best.

Important Considerations:

- **Hygiene:** Wet food can spoil more quickly, especially in warm weather. Prepare fresh food at each feeding and clean the feeding area thoroughly to prevent bacterial growth.
- **Nutritional Balance:** Make sure the base of the wet food is a pot-bellied pig pellet formulated for their age and life stage. These pellets provide the necessary protein, vitamins, and minerals.
- **Avoid Inappropriate Foods:** Do not feed hog or swine feed, as it's too high in protein and fat. Also, avoid dog or cat food, processed human food, and certain vegetables that can cause health problems
- **Treats:** Offer healthy treats like vegetables (cucumbers, carrots, zucchini), and fruits (apples, grapes) in moderation.

- **Individual Needs:** Adjust the amount of food based on your pig's age, weight, activity level, and body condition. A healthy pig should have a slight swayback and a belly that curves inward before the hindquarters.
- **Veterinary Consultation:** Always consult with a veterinarian experienced with pet pigs for specific dietary recommendations.

Additional Tips:

- **Fiber is Important:** Choose high-fiber options to help your pig feel full and maintain a healthy weight.
- **Encouraging Foraging:** Use a shallow dish or enrichment instead of a bowl to encourage natural foraging behaviors.
- **Water Access:** Always provide fresh, clean water, even when feeding wet food.

By following these guidelines and consulting with a veterinarian, you can safely incorporate wet food into your pet pig's diet and promote their overall health and well-being.