## **Enrichment Toys**



Enrichment toys are about your pet having fun! They can be simple, cheap and easy to make. Games help occupy your dog or cat's mind and give them more of a challenge than just eating out of a bowl.

## Here are some fun ideas to try out with your own pet:



Stuff an old sock with catnip and secure tightly with a rubber band. Fish decorations are optional!

Knot strips of old fleece though a plastic mat and hide dry food in the fabric.

Hide some dry food underneath some tennis balls in an empty egg box carton.







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Children's sandpits and ball pools can provide an excellent place to bury dried treats for your pet to seek out, but be prepared to clean up the mess!

Shop-bought enrichment toys are more expensive than making you own and don't necessarily offer more fun. However they do tend to be more durable and can be better suited to a pet on a wet diet. Kongs and similar toys are widely available online and in Oak Tree's very own retail area at reception.





Homemade Whack a Mole for your cat! Simply take a cardboard box, cut some holes in the top. Attach a feather to the end of a stick and poke it through the holes in a random order. Great fun!

This ingenious toy threads a pole through cups that contain dry food. The dog has to nudge the cups to tip the treats out. The pole can be substituted for string.





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