

Picky Dog

Most dogs with selective appetites are just plain picky!

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Q. We have owned our 15-month-old spayed Dachshund/Jack Russell Terrier mix for four months. She gets tired of eating the same food all the time. We'll buy and change the type (same make, different flavor) to satisfy her appetite. Once we do this, she'll start eating again, until a few days later when she'll tire again and won't eat. Any advice would be great.

A. It sounds like your little dog is in control of the family dynamics. She has you making frequent shopping trips on her behalf for a different flavor of food each week. Unless there is something wrong with her digestive system, which I doubt, you must simply wait her out. Of course, always keep water available. If she gives you the look, be strong and ignore it. Your dog is simply a finicky eater and you must not succumb to her dramatic starvation antics.

Best, Jon Geller, DVM

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