

Suggestions to increase fluid intake for dogs who are not drinking enough or who need to drink more, as long as they are not ill in some other way and are not vomiting. Please discuss with your veterinarian to assure that your choices are safe ones for your pet.

- plain ice cubes (some dogs like to "bob" for them in a dish of water)
- chicken broth (can be made into frozen cubes)
- Pedialyte (can be made into frozen cubes)
- Ensure (can be made into frozen cubes)
- Gatorade (can be made into frozen cubes)
- Power Ade (?sp) (can be made into frozen cubes)
- tiny pinch of salt in the food to stimulate thirst mechanism
- adding water or chicken broth to dry kibble
- using a sports water bottle (may work as a game too)
- drain canned tuna fish and use the water that fish was packed in

other suggestions:

- does the dog like to play with the water hose? may work for some dogs
- moistening dry kibble with a dilute mixture of yogurt and water
- moistening dry kibble with a dilute mixture of baby food and water
- make some Frosty Paws: Take 32 oz plain non-fat yogurt, mix with 2 tablespoons of peanut butter and 2 tablespoons of honey.

You can also add 1 mashed banana or a large jar of fruit flavored baby food.

Mix well, then add water to dilute and freeze in ice cube trays or small paper cups.

Note: This treat works very well as "ice cream" without the water !