



Diet Storage Guidelines

Most diets produced by Research Diets, Inc. can be stored in a cool dry location. In general, this means that the temperature should not exceed 22C and humidity shouldn't be higher than 45%. If the user desires, the diets can be stored refrigerated or frozen, provided that the bags/boxes containing the product are tightly closed and the environment does not introduce excess moisture.

While the storage conditions noted are acceptable for most diets, there are some exceptions. Specifically:

- High fat (>45 kcal%) pelleted diets should be stored frozen (-20C) in order to maintain pellet integrity and slow the oxidation of the fat.
- Paste diets should be stored under refrigeration (4 – 8C), as freezing the paste will result in a very hard block of diet that would be difficult to use.
- **All** amino acid based diets, regardless of fat content, should be stored frozen (-20C) in order to slow the Maillard Reaction that naturally occurs with these diets over time.
- Diets containing compounds should be stored in accordance with the compound manufacturer's recommendation.

Please note that all diets, including those that are high in fat or amino acid based, are shipped at ambient temperature. The ingredients used are stable during the usual transit times (generally 4 to 5 days) and do not require any special handling. Upon receipt, the diets should immediately be stored as recommended above.

The information provided here is meant ONLY as a guideline. Questions regarding specific diets can always be directed to us via email at info@researchdiets.com

