



What's In A Diet? Arthur's Story

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Arthur is our 12 year old lilac point Siamese cat. We've had him since he was a kitten and he was raised on kibble. When he was about nine years old, he was slightly plump, had turned dark (as Siamese cats tend to do) and was having problems with his teeth. The vet told me that within six months he was going to have to pull teeth, if Arthur hadn't already lost them, and that Arthur was going to have to go on special food and - this was the kicker - I was going to have to start brushing the few teeth he would have left. I went home and, with some effort, looked in Arthur's mouth. Arthur was not happy with this procedure, and neither was I. So I decided that if my dogs could have healthy, shiny teeth on the BARF (bones and raw food) diet, there was no reason for my cat not to have the same. I began to research and finally settled on the Feline Future website as having the best recipe.

I began by trying to feed Arthur a chicken neck. He was willing to eat it but didn't know how. The poor little guy only knew how to eat small kibble-sized pieces (this is where heavy guilt set in - I'd ruined my cat for natural eating - ack!). But I persevered and after some experimenting on both our parts, Arthur was able to eat kibble-sized pieces of chicken neck. Over time, I gradually made these pieces larger and larger until now

Arthur is able to eat whole chicken wings if I break the bones inside the skin before I give them to him. He eats with jaws and claws, as nature intended, and hugely enjoys his meals. It's fun to watch him grabbing it with a claw and tearing at it and munching it down. And finally crunching down the bones. He also gets a liver/heart/supplement mush made from a modified version of the Feline Future recipe.

As Arthur began to eat this diet, he started to slim down and tighten up and become more lively. His teeth and gums became healthy: he still has all those teeth the vet said he was going to lose. And his coat turned white again, and soft - just like a kitten's coat. A friend who is a Siamese cat judge dropped something off for me one day and saw Arthur on the porch and called me to ask how old he is. She was amazed when I told her he was twelve.

We love this diet!

Peggy & Arthur, the cool Siamese cat