

Feeding and Transition

Muscle Meat Complete (MMC) (NuZu Feeds®), is a dry, powdered, ground meat supplement, formulated by Ph.D. level comparative nutritionists to supply all of the nutrients required for the healthy maintenance of exotic carnivores. This product is intended to be dosed at approximately 1.0 oz (28 g) per 1.0 pound (454 g) of good quality, USDA inspected ground beef, chicken or pork post completion of an appropriate dietary transition.

NOTE: Transitioning exotic carnivores to a new or novel diet can be difficult and if performed incorrectly can result in poor compliance and gastrointestinal disturbance. The information provided, represents a model of a successful dietary transition. This design may or may not be appropriate to your specific feeding scenario. It is highly recommended that you consult with a qualified nutritionist and or veterinarian prior to initiating any diet change as this will greatly increase the potential for a smooth and problem free dietary conversion.

Transition schedule (*example*)

Days 1 to 5:

- ✓ Current carnivore meat (80% as fed)
- ✓ Plain ground beef (20% as fed)
- ✓ Thoroughly mixed together; no added MMC

Days 6 to 10:

- ✓ Current carnivore meat (60% as fed)
- ✓ Plain ground beef (40% as fed)
- ✓ Thoroughly mixed together; no added MMC

Days 11 to 15:

- ✓ Current carnivore meat (50% as fed)
- ✓ Plain ground beef (50% as fed)
- ✓ Thoroughly mixed together; MMC added to plain ground beef at 7.0 g per 1.0 lbs

Days 16 to 20:

- ✓ Current carnivore meat (40% as fed)
- ✓ Plain ground beef (60% as fed)
- ✓ Thoroughly mixed together; MMC added to plain ground beef at 14.0 g per 1.0 lbs

Days 21 to 25:

- ✓ Current carnivore meat (30% as fed)
- ✓ Plain ground beef (70% as fed)
- ✓ Thoroughly mixed together; MMC added to plain ground beef at 21.0 g per 1.0 lbs

Days 26 to 30:

- ✓ Current carnivore meat (20% as fed)
- ✓ Plain ground beef (80% as fed)
- ✓ Thoroughly mixed together; MMC added to plain ground beef at 28.0 g per 1.0 lbs

Day 31 (final diet)

- ✓ 100% plain ground beef
- ✓ MMC thoroughly mixed at 28.0 g (1 oz) per 454 g (1 lbs) of ground meat

Final Diet

Individual ration quantities, i.e. *the amount of meat fed per day*, should be supplied according to factors such as species, age, physiological status, health status and sex. All of these parameters, in addition to the nutrient profile of the particular ground meat that you choose to utilize, will affect the amount of diet required by your animal to meet its individual nutritional demands.

For example, an actively lactating female Amur tiger will likely require a more energy dense nutritional profile (*more food per day*) than a geriatric male of the same species. It is highly recommended that you consult with a qualified comparative nutritionist and or veterinarian prior to establishing dietary procedures for any exotic species.

**It is suggested that samples of the final diet be collected and submitted to a commercial laboratory for nutrient analysis on routine basis.*

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