

intro: ANT-PROOF PET FOOD BOWL

My cat loves tuna. So do the ants. The solution to the ant problem is to put a water moat around the cat food bowl.

Starting with the stainless steel bowl for the tuna, I found that it fits perfectly inside the plastic container that CDs come in. For the feeding bowl you use, you may need to find a different container it will fit into. That container, in turn, needs to fit inside another plastic container. Leave an adequate distance between them for the water moat. The moat has to be wide enough that an ant can not reach across it without swimming, which they tend not to do.



step 1:

A few dabs of epoxy glues the center container to the base of the outer container. It will stay centered and not float around when the gap between them is filled with water. That is all there is to it. It is a very simple thing to make once you find the right size containers to make it with.

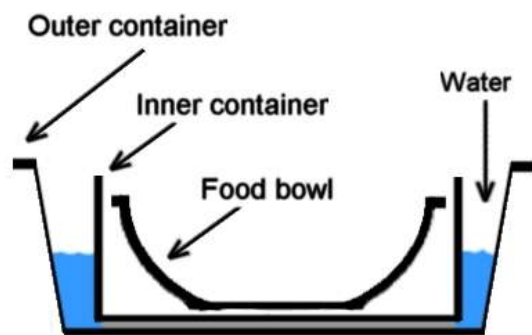




Image Notes
 1. This is the moat gap between containers.
 2. The inner bowl for food stays dry and centered inside the moat.



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 1. This glue works as well, or better than epoxy on some plastics. To avoid a commercial endorsement, I forget the name of it. Something like Ape Glue, or Simian Glue.

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pmpinc says:

It's not really a trick, it is the unique design of this bowl that confuses the ants. You only have to fool one ant the others follow the scout ant.

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merijnvw says:

What is the problem with ants in the food, they can't eat a lot can they? Is the cat not going to eat it anymore when there are ants in it.

Aug 15, 2009. 9:55 AM [REPLY](#)



Thinkenstein says:

Have you ever put your face in a bunch of ants? I love my cat.

Aug 18, 2009. 4:49 PM [REPLY](#)



merijnvw says:

My cat eats insects all the time!

Aug 21, 2009. 7:21 AM [REPLY](#)



cbennett811 says:

This is a genius idea! It's one of those things you look at and say why didn't I think of that. This solves a big problem for many a pet owner. I will be passing this on to all my pet owning friends and family. Thank you Thinkenstein!

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Thinkenstein says:

You're welcome. High five!

Jun 27, 2009. 1:54 AM [REPLY](#)