

Kibble Dribbler History

The Kibble Dribbler came about, like many inventions, to fulfill a need. We have two cats: Curtis, who is very thin and prefers to nibble at his food a little at a time, and Sherman, who downs food as quickly as possible.



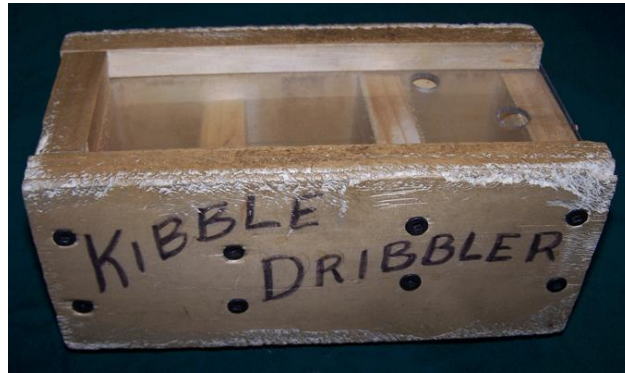
Sherman

Sherman came from an animal shelter. He wasn't the prettiest cat, but he was the friendliest. We found that he did have one fault: he loves to eat, would eat his meals as fast as possible, then beg for more. Soon he had put on quite a bit of weight. He weighed in at the vet's office at 13 pounds, which is about 30% above what it should be. Our veterinarian told us that Sherman needed to lose weight. She said that the excess weight can cause serious health issues.



Duct Tape Prototype

We switched the cats' food to higher quality food and modified his plastic food dish with duct tape. The top was taped shut, except for one small opening. Sherman had to lift and tumble the bowl to release a few kernels at a time. Later a baffle, or short wall, was added to slow the release of the food. This worked ok, until one of our dogs tore the duct tape off to get at the leftover cat food. It was obvious that a more permanent solution was needed.



Original Kibble Dribbler

I went into my workshop and, using what scraps of wood, plastic, and metal I could find, built the first Kibble Dribbler. Sherman quickly learned to lift, pull, push, and tumble his Kibble Dribbler, making him more active and lengthening his feeding time from about a minute to nearly half an hour. After a little more than a year, Sherman had dropped to 9-1/2 pounds, which our vet said was "ideal" for his frame.



Today's Kibble Dribbler

The Kibble Dribbler of today uses the same basic design as the original. It is the same sturdy, hand-made wooden box and clear plastic lid, with a few minor improvements. Cats love to push it around, tumble it, and beat it up to get their reward.