## THE SMART WAY TO STORE FOOD

The best way to store dry cat food is in the bag. If you place the food into another container such as a metal trash can or plastic bin, that means you have one more thing to clean.

"Once you pour it out of the bag and coat the inner lining of a plastic bin with it, then you have to make sure to clean that on a regular basis because of the oily film that develops on the plastic," says nutritionist Joseph Wakshlag, DVM, Ph.D., at Cornell. "It's a better storage vessel, but attention needs to be paid to its cleanliness. Just because it's sealable doesn't mean the food is any better protected against rancidity."