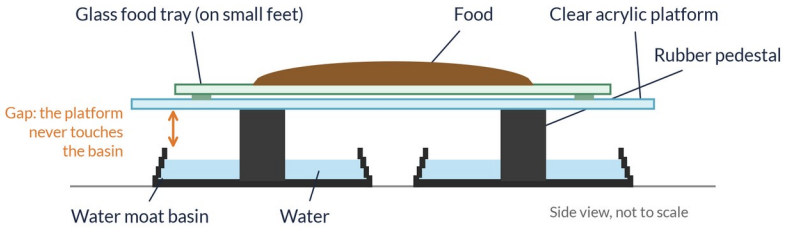
Roki's Castle

The ant-proof pet feeder · Instructions for Use

Meet the castle. Roki's Castle is named after Roki, a 2-lb Chihuahua with 2 teeth, a love of pâté, and a very relaxed idea of when dinner should happen. His food sits on a clear platform held up by rubber pedestals that stand in little water moats. Ants can't swim, so they can't get to the food. No pesticides. Just water.

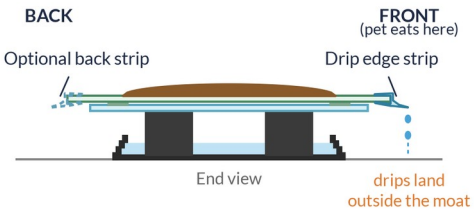
What's in the box

- **2** collapsible water moat basins
- **4** rubber pedestals (2 for each basin)
- **1** clear acrylic platform
- **1** glass food tray: a special tempered glass tray built for Roki's Castle, specifically designed with grab edges for easy placement and removal
- Drip edge strips: clear, flexible silicone strips that slide over the tray's edges

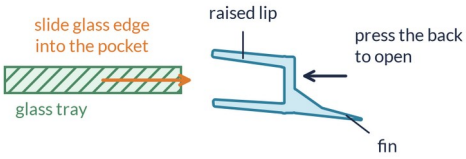


Set it up

1. **Unpack.** Take all the parts out of the box and remove any packaging.
2. **Expand the basins.** Pull each basin up from its flat, collapsed shape.
3. **Place the basins.** Set both basins on a level surface, spaced apart so one sits under each end of the platform. Keep them away from walls, cords, leaves and furniture.
4. **Add the pedestals.** Stand two rubber pedestals side by side in each basin.
5. **Fill with water.** Pour water into each basin around the pedestals. Keep the water below the top of the pedestals.
6. **Set the platform.** Look through the clear platform to line it up, then rest it on the four pedestal tops. Check that it touches only the pedestals, never the basins or the water. If it touches a basin rim, lower that basin's walls until the pedestal tops stand above the rim.
7. **Attach the drip edge strip.** Attach a strip to the front edge of the tray (the side your pet eats from). Slide the open side of the strip onto the glass edge until the glass sits fully inside the pocket and the closed back rests against the glass edge. Tip: press on the back of the strip to open the pocket a little. The thin fin points down and away from the tray. If needed, add a second strip to the back edge too. Extra drip edge strips are sold separately at rokiscastle.com.
8. **Add food.** Put your pet's food on the glass tray.
9. **Set the tray on the platform.** Hold the tray by its grab edges and set it down so its small feet rest on the platform and the grab edges stick out past the sides.



The grab edges stick out past the platform. The drip edge strip goes on the front edge; a back strip is optional. Its fin sends drips outside the moat.



Attaching a drip edge strip (close-up of one edge).

Dinner is served. Ants: denied.

Daily use

- Lift the tray on and off by its grab edges. The platform, pedestals and basins can stay right where they are.
- Your pet can eat on their own schedule, without ants joining the party.
- Wipe up spills and crumbs on the tray, the platform and around the basins.

Keep the moats topped up

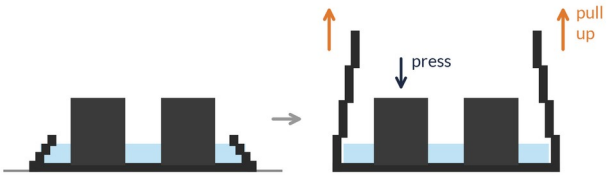
- Water evaporates, so check the level periodically. You can see it right through the clear platform.
- Change the water every 2 to 3 days to keep it fresh.
- Top up with plain water. Keep it below the top of the pedestals. No pesticides needed, ever.

Leftovers

- The glass tray is fridge-safe. Cover any leftovers and put them in the fridge right on the tray.

Cleaning

1. **Tray off.** Lift the tray off by its grab edges and peel off the drip edge strip (and back strip, if used).
2. **Platform off.** Lift the platform off the pedestals.
3. **Expand and carry.** Press down on a pedestal with one hand and pull the basin walls all the way up with the other. Fully expanded, the basin carries to the sink without spilling. Pour out the water.
4. **Hand wash.** Wash the tray, strips, platform, pedestals and basins by hand in warm, soapy water, then rinse.
5. **Rebuild.** Put it back together with the setup steps.



In use: walls low, pedestal tops above the rim

To carry: walls pulled all the way up, water sits low inside

Storage

- Empty the basins, take out the pedestals and collapse the basins flat.
- Everything is small, compact and lightweight, so Roki's Castle packs easily for travel.

Questions? Visit **rokiscastle.com**

Need extra drip edge strips? Get them at rokiscastle.com.

Inspired by Roki. Built for every pet who'd rather not share dinner with ants.

Ant-proof tips

Ants can't swim, but they are excellent at finding a bridge. Don't give them one.

- **Give it space.** Keep the feeder away from walls, cords, leaves and furniture.
- **No bridges.** Nothing should touch both the platform (or tray) and the floor.
- **Stay centered.** The platform should touch only the pedestals, never a basin rim.
- **Drip edge strips.** Keep the front strip (and back strip, if used) on. It sends drips and crumbs off the fin tip, away from the platform and outside the moats, instead of down into the water where they could make a bridge. The raised lip helps keep food on the tray.
- **Wipe up spills.** Spills and crumbs can become a bridge.

Troubleshooting

Ants still getting in? Something is giving them a way across. Check:

Check	What to look for
Bridges	Is anything touching the platform or tray and also the floor, a wall, a cord, a leaf or furniture? Move it away.
Water level	Is there water in both moats? Top up if the level has dropped, keeping it below the pedestal tops.
Platform	Is it touching a basin rim? Re-center it so it rests only on the pedestals.
Drip strips	Is the front strip (and back strip, if used) on, with the glass fully in the pocket and the fin pointing down and away? Wipe off any food on the fin.

Safety

- **Made to be left out.** Roki's Castle is designed for your pet to use on their own. Check the water level periodically, since it can evaporate.
- **Inspect regularly.** Check the glass tray for chips or cracks, and the other parts for chew marks or damage. Stop using any damaged part and replace it.
- **Stable placement.** Set the feeder on a flat, level floor away from stairs and edges, so it can't be knocked over.
- **Glass.** Handle the glass tray with care, and don't drop it or knock it against hard surfaces.
- **Fresh water.** Change the moat water every 2 to 3 days to keep it fresh. It's for blocking ants, not for your pet to drink.
- **Kids.** Not a toy. Keep the parts out of reach of young children.