

ORPHAN PUPPY AND KITTEN CARE

Keep the pet warm:

- Avoid drafts.
- Use heating pad in box on LOW heat.
- Cover pad with waterproof material (plastic).
- Line box with disposable diapers or newspaper.
- Heating pad should only cover 1/2 of bottom of box.
- Let rest of heating pad go up side of box.
- This allows pup to get off heating pad if gets too hot.

Ideal Temperatures:

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| ▪ Birth to 5 Days | 85-90 Degrees |
| ▪ 5-20 Days | 80 Degrees |
| ▪ 20-34 Days | 75 Degrees |

Nutrition:

- Use puppy formula **ONLY**. Milk or human baby formula causes diarrhea.
- Introduce formula changes **SLOWLY**.
- Feed at 100 degrees (body temperature).
- Discard reconstituted formula after 24 hours.
- Feed 2-tablespoons/4 oz. body weight. (15% of body wt. Divided into 4-6 meals)
- Feed every 3-4 hours for one week, then every 6 hours.
- Whining or crying **USUALLY** indicates hunger.
- Test the feeding bottle for proper flow rate. Do **NOT SQUEEZE** the bottle.
- Begin feeding in a saucer as soon as eyes are open. (Usually about two weeks of age.)
- Dip muzzle and tongue in sauce. Put finger in side of mouth to encourage sucking.
- Begin feeding a weaning formula (Like Eukanuba Weaning Diet) at 3 - 4 weeks of age. After One to 2 week gradually switch to a high quality puppy food.
- Slowly begin to substitute water for the puppy formula at five weeks of age.
- Any time diarrhea should develop, dilute the food 50 % with water and call the clinic for instructions.

Sanitation:

- Keep area clean! This is **MOST IMPORTANT** for good health!
- Rub rectum and abdomen with cotton moistened with warm water after each feeding to stimulate bowel functions.

DO NOT DISTURB except for feeding and cleaning!

TWITCHING is NORMAL during sleeps - these exercise the muscles to aid growth.

- Bring pups/kittens to clinic at four weeks of age for examination and deworming.
- Substitute high quality kitten food for kittens when switching off formula.
- A Crying Puppy is either a COLD puppy or a HUNGRY puppy!



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