



## BOTTLE FEEDING KITTENS

### ***Supplies Needed:***

- Kitten Replacement Milk (powder or liquid)
- Small nursing bottle with nipple or a 3ml Syringe with a nipple
- Wet Wipes
- Towels
- Heating Pad
- Cardboard or other type of box to keep kittens safely contained

### ***Proper Positioning:***

- Kittens need to be held belly down on a slight angle upwards to feed them. (think about the position they are in when they nurse on mom)
- DO NOT turn a kitten over and feed them like a human baby, this can lead to milk going into their lungs

***How Often & How Much:***

- Newborn kittens (0-3weeks old) should eat every 2 hours.
- Kittens under a week old may only each 1ml at each feeding.
- Kittens 2-3 weeks old may each 4-6ml at each feeding and they may start to space their feedings out to every 3-4 hours.
- It's better to underfeed and have to feed more often than to overfeed!

***Stimulation for Elimination:***

- Newborn kittens require mom to stimulate them to urinate or have a bowel movement
- You can use a warm wet wipe or cotton ball to stimulate the kitten to eliminate
- By the time the kitten is 3 weeks old, this should no longer be necessary