

# Orphaned Kitten Emergency Milk Replacer Recipes

(For temporary use only until commercial milk replacer can be obtained.)

<b>Recipe</b> (Either recipe is fine depending on what ingredients you have available at home.)	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Directions</b>
Homemade milk replacer for kittens <sup>1</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6 tablespoons (90 ml) condensed milk</li><li>• 6 tablespoons (90 ml) water</li><li>• 1/2 cup (120 ml) plain yogurt (not low fat)</li><li>• 3 large or 4 small egg yolks</li></ul>	Blend uniformly and warm to 95-100°F. <sup>+</sup> Refrigerate between uses. Discard any unused milk replacer 24 hours after mixing.
Emergency home-formulated milk replacer <sup>2</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 cup (240 ml) cow's milk</li><li>• 3 egg yolks</li><li>• 1 drop high quality oral multivitamin solution, if available.*</li><li>• 1 tablespoon (15 ml) corn oil</li><li>• Small pinch of salt</li></ul>	Blend uniformly and warm to 95-100°F. <sup>+</sup> Refrigerate between uses. Discard any unused milk replacer 24 hours after mixing.

\* Some examples of oral multivitamin solution for pets are PET-TINIC®, Liqui-Tinic™, and Hi-Vite™ Drops.

<sup>+</sup> Avoid warming the milk up in the microwave. Instead, warm the milk by placing it in a warm water bath. You can warm the water bath in the microwave, then soak the milk in the water bath for a few minutes (or however long it takes to warm the milk up to about 95-100°F.)

<sup>1</sup> Peterson, Michael E. "Care of the Orphaned Puppy and Kitten." *Small Animal Pediatrics: The First 12 Months of Life*, edited by Michael E. Peterson and Michelle A. Kutzler, Elsevier Saunders, 2011, pp.67-72.

<sup>2</sup> Lawler, D. F. "Neonatal and pediatric care of the puppy and kitten." *Theriogenology*, vol. 70, no.3, 2008, pp. 384-392.



Maddie's  
Fund

6150 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 125 | Pleasanton, CA 94588  
925.310.5450 | [innovation@maddiesfund.org](mailto:innovation@maddiesfund.org) | [MaddiesFund.org](http://MaddiesFund.org)