

Orphaned Kitten Emergency Milk Replacer Recipes

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

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

⁺ 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.)

¹ 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.

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



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