

GETTING STARTED with feeding LAKMIL® products (please read carefully!)

Thank you for choosing our products. We will do everything we can to support you to go through raising the puppies and kitten without a mother.

The **number** of feedings or meals depends fundamentally **on age**. Added to this are the factors: size and weight.

While newborns spend time on their mother's teats **almost every hour** to every two hours, this decreases as they get older, up to the point where the umbilical cord is completely removed. For this entire period, a puppy, kitten or other baby animal must be optimally cared for if it is raised without a mother or the mother's availability is limited!

The following feeding aids are **purely recommendations and not medical advice or instructions**. It is our many years of experience that we are happy to pass on to you.

(If you have any questions about our products or emergency care stations, please contact us. You can find all the information you need on our website www.lakmil.de)

Good luck raising your baby animal.



THE PREPARATION

- ✓ Preparing **MILK** as **FRESH** as possible. It's not harmful to reheat afterwards, but remember **that the milk contains no preservatives or antioxidants!**
If the milk is warmed up again, if possible in a water bath or in a milk bottle warmer. Then stir well so that all ingredients mix well again.
(Recommendation: in a water bath. Avoid microwave to avoid destroying the ingredients.)
- ✓ **Germ-free water. In some areas, the water from the tap is not clean enough for a small baby animal.**
(Recommendation: buy "still water" for the first 3-4 weeks or boil tap water, germ-free = fully boiling for at least 3 minutes)
- ✓ **Stir water INTO the powder.** Because the powder is otherwise difficult to mix, it tends to float to the top due to its natural ingredients.
- ✓ **LAKMIL® BAGS** are safe on your counter. This means you can easily remove the powder with your measuring spoon. Our packaging can be resealable so that it is light and airtight. Always store in a cool and dry place.
(Recommendation: do not store above 25°. In the refrigerator in the vegetable compartment or in the door is perfect)

Mixing temperature: 50-55°

Stir well with a whisk, shake or mix well in the bottle (take off the foam afterwards so that the puppy doesn't suck in air and choke).

Feeding temperature: max. 38°

(the mother's body temperature is approx. 38.5°).

→ Under no circumstances less than 35°. This is too cool for the puppy/kitten. They need at least 34° for their digestion.

→ *Before feeding your puppy, kitten or other baby animal, weigh it. Sometimes the amount drunk is barely visible and so you know how many grams it is heavier after feeding.*

→ *For your notes, we keep one on our website for all of our products*



LAKMIL® Feeding plan available for download.

THE PREPARATION

You can find bottles, feeding aids and probes in our shop www.lakmil.de



- ◆ With the standard bottles, make sure you don't choke them.
- ◆ With our 3-stage teats, this can be easily adjusted by turning the bottle.
- ◆ With the small soft bottle, the hole has to be pierced yourself. We include a needle for gradual opening.



! Attention: the holes must **not be too large**, otherwise the flow will be too strong and the baby animal can dangerously choke.

! Attention: the holes must **not be too small**, otherwise the baby animal will not get enough and will be tired from sucking. So he hardly drank anything and fell asleep because of exhaustion.

In order to calculate or estimate your **approximate** needs, you can use the table here to see what the average amount of milk the puppies can consume is.

- ✗ You feed **DAY and NIGHT**. **5-6 meals are therefore not enough.**
- ✗ Puppies and kittens need food **every hour** for the first few days.
- ✗ After that it settles down to **every 2 hours**. Day and night!
- ✗ After feeding = rub tummy for digestion. Important!
- ✗ Keep the temperature in the whelping box constant, no drafts (can also lead to diarrhea) 28° would be good.
- ✗ **Room temperature** would not be below 26° (recommendation)
- ✗ The **ambient temperature** directly around the puppy is 30°.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Animals are not MACHINES. So the food requirements can vary. This is just a small overview of what is possible.

AGE IN WEEKS	Meal per 24 hours DAY and NIGHT	Small breeds <10kg FINAL WEIGHT	Medium breeds 10-25kg FINAL WEIGHT	Large breeds >25kg FINAL WEIGHT
In the 1st week	approx. 12-16x (or as needed)	10-25ml	15-30ml	20-45ml
Week 1	approx. 9-12x (or as needed)	10-25ml	25-30ml	25-45ml
Week 2	approx. 6-9x (or as needed)	30-40ml	50-60ml	70-80ml
Week 3	3-5x (additional feeding can begin here)	50-60ml	70-80ml	120-140ml
Week 4	Switching to feed mash PHASE 2	60-70ml	70-80ml	120-140ml

Feeding kittens is a little different. In about **the first 3 days** they consume very little, sometimes **only 1-2ml per meal**. Therefore, please always have fresh milk available **every hour**.

Not only food is important, the intake of fluids is even more important for baby animals.

This may last until **the 3rd or 4th day**, then it may level off to **every 2 hours**. This is also **DAY and NIGHT**. (2-4ml per meal). Supplementary feeding with appropriate wet cat food is approximately 3.5-4 weeks.