



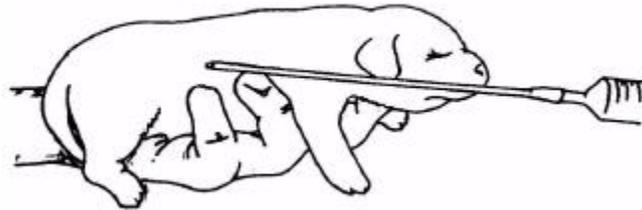
Tube Feeding Instructions

Materials

- Commercial milk replacer
- Feeding tube (size 8-10 French Red Rubber catheter)
- Permanent marker
- Syringe
- Kitchen scale

Steps:

- Take a rectal temperature on the puppy. The temperature should be between 96-99 degrees, if lower, warm the puppy before feeding.
- On a safe, flat surface, sit the puppy flat and hold with the head/neck extended forward. Hold the tapered end of the feeding tube even with the last rib and mark the tube even with the tip of the puppies' nose. This will be the guide for how far to place the tube for feeding. Re measure as the puppy grows to ensure proper placement.



- Fill the syringe with the calculated amount of formula (3 mL per 100 grams) and warm to body temperature in a warm water bath. Do not microwave the milk as this will cause pockets of very hot milk which may burn the puppy
- Attach the syringe to the feeding tube
- With the pup fully awake, lying horizontally on the chest, gently pass the tube over the center of the pups tongue, applying gentle pressure to slide the tube up to the mark. If resistance is met, remove tube and start over
- Cup your left hand around the back of the pups head and hold the tube between your index and middle finger to prevent it from moving out of the correct position while feeding



- **Before feeding**, firmly pinch the pup on the foot or tail. If the pup vocalizes, the tube placement is correct and you can proceed with feeding. If the tube is mistakenly in the trachea, the pup will struggle but will not be able to make any sound – STOP IMMEDIATELY, REMOVE THE TUBE AND START THE PROCESS OVER.
- With your right hand, depress the plunger on the syringe slowly and delivering the calculated amount, stopping sooner should milk reflux out of the pup's mouth or nose. Alternatively, you can remove the plunger from the syringe and let the milk flow by gravity



- To remove the feeding tube, flex the tube on itself to prevent milk from being aspirated into the pup's airway, and pull the tube out in one swift motion.
- Wash syringe and tube with hot soapy water and allow to air dry until next feeding.
- Stimulate the external anal and urinary orifices to effect defecation and urination with a warm moistened cotton ball or washcloth.