

KITTEN WONDER FORMULA, ETC.

1 CAN EVAPORATED GOAT'S MILK OR 1 QUART WHOLE GOAT'S MILK

12 OZ WATER (IF USING WHOLE GOAT'S MILK OMIT THE WATER)

KNOX UNFLAVORED GELATION:

NEWBORN TO 1 WEEK : 1 PKG

2ND WEEK: 1 ½ TO 2 PKGS

3RD WEEK: 2 ½ TO 3 PKGS

4TH WEEK: 4 PKGS

1 TSP LIGHT KARO SYRUP

1 TBSP NONFAT PLAIN YOGURT

1 EGG YOLK (IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT SALMONELLA, TRY USING AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF POWDERED EGG YOLK INSTEAD , ALTHOUGH WE NEVER HAD ANY PROBLEMS USING A RAW EGG YOLK)

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Mix water & evaporated goat's milk together unless using whole goat's milk to which no water is added.

Add gelatin in the amount above depending on the kitten's age

Heat goat's milk/gelatin mixture just until gelatin is dissolved. Remove from heat.

Mix in remaining ingredients and refrigerate. It will keep up to one week. Depending on the amount of gelatin used, this stuff really solidifies in the fridge but turns back into liquid when heated to "skin test" (shake a little out of baby bottle onto inside of your forearm) temperature. If you have plenty of baby bottles handy, pour the formula into them before refrigerating & heat bottle in hot water or microwave (about 10 seconds in microwave).

Kittens really love it and have much more normal bowel movements when fed it.

For extra pep, add 1 drop (only 1 drop) Petinic or Hyvite to each bottle.

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Note: Recommend using a cuticle scissors to cut a little "x" in the end of the baby bottle nipple. Do not wait until kittens are hungry to feed. Feed them on a schedule. If they are ravenous, they will be hard to handle and hard to get started nursing calmly. You don't want to squeeze excess milk down their throats. You want them to suckle and control how much goes down. There is a danger of inhalation pneumonia if you pump the milk into them. After feeding, take baby to sink, run warm water and pat and stroke it onto their little butts to stimulate urination and b.m's. Their momma would be doing this for them. Rinse urine and b.m. (which will look like yellow toothpaste if all is working well) down sink, and gently pat bottom dry and return to cozy nest box.