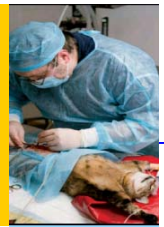




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How to Save a Kitten Without a Mother

There are cats in every backyard, and the females get pregnant often, giving birth over and over again. Then the kittens start giving birth themselves over and over again until you cannot manage a “colony” of possibly dozens of cats.

When there is no mother

Mothers get killed by cars, die due to incomplete and partial births or abandon their kittens, so you may see kittens with no mother. If you see a kitten without a mother THAT is the time to step in and help save innocent lives. Young kittens MUST get fed every 3-4 hours, if the mother is not around young kittens will go Hypoglycemic (low Sugar) and become lethargic and die. If you see a young little kitten without a mother monitor the activity level of the kitten and check every hour to see if the mother returned to feed. DO NOT touch or remove the kitten as that may prevent the mother from finding the kitten or even reject feeding the kitten. If the kitten appears lethargic, go into action.

If you suspect that the mother has not been around more than 3 hours go to the supermarket and get Karo Syrup (or use pancake syrup) and some Q tips. Dip the head of the Q tip into the Syrup and rub it on the gums of the kitten, upper and lower jaws, over and over 5-10 minutes at a time, take a 5 minute break, and do it over and over for 30 minutes to an hour. Also, dip another Q tip into the syrup and stick the cotton head of the Q tip into the anus. The membrane inside the anus will also absorb the sugar. Alternate between the gums and the anus until the young kitten is moving around on its own.

Go to Petco or any pet store and get KMR kitten replacement formula and a 1 cc (ml) syringe from a pharmacy. Make the KMR lukewarm by holding the 1 ml syringe full of it under hot water but NOT hot, only lukewarm. Give 1/10 of a ml at a time to the kitten. If bubbles come out of the nostrils you are giving it too fast. Give 3-5 ml of KMR per feeding. The kitten should eat (drink the KMR), play a little while, then sleep, wake up and repeat this cycle. Once this cycle is consistent, then the young kitten is now stabilized.

If the mother shows up create an enclosed space and put cat food in that space for the mother. She may be hungry. Once she eats you can add the kitten(s) to that space and monitor at kitten feeding time if the kitten gravitates to the mother’s milk. Once that is happening there is no need to feed the kitten the KMR kitten formula, unless he mother laves for more then 3-4 hours again. WEAR PLASTIC GLOVES WHEN HANDLING/FEEDING THE KITTEN(S) so the mother does not reject. Thank you for living a humane life !!

