

# Foster Care Feeding Protocols (Cat/Kitten)

## 1) KMR Preparation

- a. Warm up water in the microwave at 15 seconds per 1/4 cup water
- b. Mix 1-2 scoops (large side of scoop in the can) of KMR powder per 1/4 cup water
- c. Prepared KMR can be reheated in the microwave at up to 15 seconds per 1/4 cup
  - i. Should be discarded after 24 hours in the fridge!
- d. Powdered KMR should be refrigerated once opened – good for 1 month from date of opening, 3 months if in Freezer

## 2) Slurry

- a. Each kitten should get approx. 1 tbsp of regular wet food
  - i. Always use the ground/paté variety for slurry – kitten formula preferred!
- b. Stir the KMR into the wet food to create the slurry.
  - i. Should be about 2 parts wet food to 1 part KMR or warm water
- c. It tends to cool quickly, so feel free to mix everything cold and warm up before serving
- d. It can be mixed at a thinner consistency if you need to syringe feed kittens

## 3) Snuggle Safe Discs/Rice Socks

- a. Snuggle Safe Discs – Warm 5 minutes on high in microwave
  - i. Use sign out sheet every time!
  - ii. Covers can be washed with regular laundry, disc can be fully sanitized
- b. Rice Socks – warm 2-4 minutes on high in microwave
  - i. Cannot be washed – use for one litter only!

## 4) Bottle Babies

- a. Bottle Babies need to be fed every 2-3 hours or more often if having trouble eating
  - i. Should be a total of 4-6 feedings if here at the shelter
  - ii. Each kitten should eat ½ tbsp (or 0.25 fl oz) per feeding
- b. Warm up Rice Socks at each feeding, and Snuggle Safe Discs about every 4 hours
  - i. Always warm up Snuggle Safe Discs and Rice Socks first thing in the morning and before bed

## 5) Slurry Babies

- a. Slurry Babies need to be fed 4-5 times per day.
- b. Warm up Rice Socks at each feeding, and Snuggle Safe Discs about every 4 hours
  - i. Always warm up Snuggle Safe Discs and Rice Socks first thing in the morning and before bed
- c. Should always have dry food available once they appear interested

## 6) Kittens < 6 weeks, Surgery Recovery, and Nursing/Pregnant Moms

- a. Each cat/kitten needs 1 tbsp of wet food 3 times daily
- b. Should always have dry food available

## 7) Kittens 6 weeks to 4 months

- a. Each kitten should get 1 tbsp of wet food twice daily
- b. Should always have dry food available

**8) Healthy Adult Cats**

- a. Feed dry food according to the Healthy Adult Cat Feeding Chart as listed below.
- b. May also give 1 tbsp of wet food 2x daily

**9) Overweight Adult Cats**

- a. Will most often be fed Science Diet w/d food for weight control
- b. Feed for Ideal Weight according to the chart below– will be listed on Foster Animal Information Sheet
  - i. If ideal weight is within the same 5lb range as current weight, reduce feeding amount by 1/8 cup
  - ii. If ideal weight is in the range below their current weight, feed according to the ideal weight range

**10) Underweight Adult Cats**

- a. Feed for Ideal Weight according to the chart below – will be listed on the Foster Animal Information Sheet
  - i. If ideal weight is within the same 5lb range as current weight, increase feeding amount by 1/8 cup daily
  - ii. If ideal weight is in the range above their current weight, feed according to the ideal weight range.

<b><u>Adult Cat Feeding Chart</u></b>	
<b>Weight</b>	<b>Daily Dry Food Amount</b>
1-5 #	¼ cup
6-10#	½ cup
11-15#	1 cup
15-20#	1.5 cups