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.

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