

Bottle Feeding Schedule

A healthy newborn can go as long as between feedings, but a more critical, high-risk newborn may need to eat less per feeding and be fed every 2 hours. Critically ill newborns should be fed based on your vet's advice.

A newborn will cry if it's hungry, and it's important for newborn puppies to get the sleep they need, so if they're still sleeping after 2 hours routinely, try every 3 hours between feeding and so on.

As puppies get older, they should be able to go longer between feedings. Daytime feedings should be less spaced out and night time feeding may be down to once or none.

	1 Week	2 Weeks	3 Weeks
Mostly Healthy	Every 3-4 hours 6-7 feedings per day	Every 4-6 hours 4-6 feedings per day May be left to sleep overnight	Every 4-6 hours 4-6 feedings per day May be left to sleep overnight
At-Risk	Every 2-3 hours 7-8 feedings per day	Every 3-4 hours 6-7 feedings per day	Every 3-4 hours 6-7 feedings per day
Critically Ill	Up to every 2 hours Feed less per feeding, add in calorie gel if needed 8-10 feedings per day	Up to every 2 hours Feed less per feeding, add in calorie gel if needed 8-10 feedings per day	Up to every 3 hours Add in calorie gel if needed 7-8 feedings per day