Bottle Feeding Newborn Puppies

To bottle feed a newborn puppy, you'll need to start by preparing the formula, then ensuring the puppy can be fed, and then feeding the puppy. An in-depth, more detailed guide can be found here.

These are the basic supplies you will need to bottle feed a puppy:



Prepare the Formula

- 1. Warm water up to ~160° F (must be 97°-100°F when fed).
- 2. Put milk replacement powder in a bottle that can be shaken.
- 3. Add water per formula instructions (usually 1 part formula to 2 parts water).
- 4. Vigorously shake to combine until no lumps. Allow to cool to 100°F.

Prepare the Puppy

- 1. Stimulate puppy to pee/poo with dry or wet baby wipe. Pat dry.
- 2. Weigh puppy, record.
- 3. Verify puppy is warm enough to feed (over 96°F). Warm first if chilled.



Feed the Puppy

The position of the pup and the bottle should be trying to mimic the same position the pup would put itself in when trying to nurse from its mother. Never feed a puppy on its back or upside down.



- 1. Place puppy on stable surface covered with a disposable pee pad or a towel.
- 2. Hold bottle with dominant hand using your index and thumb.
- 3. Guide puppy to nipple to latch, use remaining fingers to act as a "wall" (no pressure needed) to keep puppy in place.
- 4. Puppy's head should be tilted upwards.
- 5. Weigh pup to verify weight gain, record.

Cleaning and Sanitizing

- 1. Store extra formula in refrigerator for up to 24 hours. Discard any remaining formula after 24 hours. Discard formula left at room temperature for most than 1 hour.
- 2. Properly clean and sanitize bottle and nipple promptly after use. Ensure there are no clogs.