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## ORPHANED FOALS:

### Option 1:

- Foster mother - larger breeds eg. Draught horses are better  
 - goat on a raised platform so foal can suck

### Option 2:

- Hand rearing - commercial milk replacer is best (Wombaroo)  
 - can use low fat cows milk with 30g lactose and 10g dicalcium phosphate powder added per 1000ml milk  
 - can be taught to drink from bucket at 3 days old  
 - milk bucket should be at foal chest height, shallow and light coloured

### Milk temperature:

- 37 ° C for first 2 days (should feel just warm on inside of wrist)
- From day 2, lower to room temperature (20-25 degrees C °) in preparation for bucket feeding

## FEEDING GUIDELINES FOR AVERAGE SIZED 45KG FOAL

AGE	VOLUME	FEEDING INTERVALS
First 12-16hrs	3-5L colostrum or colostrum replacer	
First 2 days	1L milk	3 hourly
Day 3-7 (bucket)	2L milk	4 hourly from 6am-10pm (total of 5 feeds)
7-14 days	2.5L milk  1kg creep feed in shallow dish near milk bucket	4 hourly  Daily
14-21 days	4L milk  1.5kg creep feed	6 hourly  Daily
21days -8 WKS	Increase TOTAL daily volume milk by 1L per week  Unlimited creep feed	8 hourly
8WKS-WEANING (6mths)	10L milk Reduce by 1L per feed per week to wean Ad lib creep feed Access to grazing if possible	12 hourly

Creep feed should contain 16-18% crude protein.

If diarrhoea occurs from milk overload (white, pasty consistency), reduce milk to half volume for 2 feeds, gradually increase to full volume over 24-36hrs.

Make any feed changes gradual over 2-3 days.

Provide fresh water at all times.

Give foal a companion- sheep or goat, and ensure has adequate shelter.

In most cases orphaned foals require a blood test after 24hrs of age to ensure adequate colostral transfer, your vet can perform this.

*If foal becomes lethargic, develops diarrhoea, swollen joints, colic or stops eating or drinking at any stage contact your vet.*