# Bottle Feeding & Hand Raising Puppies



# **By Ed Frawley**





# Leerburg Foreword

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Leerburg Enterprises, Inc. is owned by Ed Frawley.

Ed has owned German Shepherds (GSD) for over 45 years. Since 1978 he has bred over 350 litters of German working bloodline GSDs. His dogs work in law enforcement, as S&R dogs, as competition Schutzhund dogs, and as family companions and protectors.

Since 1980 Ed has produced over 120 dog training videos and DVDs. He was a police K9 handler for 10 years and competed in several dog sports, including AKC obedience and Schutzhund. In addition he has built one of the top dog training supply businesses in the world.

If you go to the web site **Leerburg.com** you will see that it has over 10,000 printed pages. The Leerburg Web Discussion board has over 12,000 registered members and over 202,000 posts in the archives. Learn to use our site search function.

# **Bottle Feeding**

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I have bred over 350 litters of GSDs in the 30 plus years of my breeding career. Over those years we have done our share of caring for newborns that need help. We have also come up with our own newborn puppy formula that I think is the best we have seen.

You can make our formula at home.

We have used this formula many times and it works better than any others that I have tried.

If you are hand raising puppies and they develop medical problems you will need to contact your vet. Please do not email me and ask what to do. It would be inappropriate for me to guess at the medical needs of your sick puppy.

# Here are some general rules for bottle feeding puppies:

Always boil your water before using - allow time to cool.

Burp your pups after feeding.

A pup may have little bubbles by his mouth but there should not be milk running out of his mouth.

When the bottle is held upside down the milk should drip out - NOT FLOW OUT in a stream - pups that get milk in their lungs will get pneumonia and more than likely die.

Calorie intake needs to be adjusted according to growth of puppies. A general rule of thumb (unless someone has a better idea) is 1 CC per OZ. of body weight every 3 hours.

You must have an accurate scale to weigh pups if you are going to get the best success. Use a kitchen food scale. The ones with grams is what we use in our kennel. It is easy to see any weight gain or loss. Keep a record that you can easily refer to.

Another article to consider - Save Your Puppy's Life.

## **Bottle Feeding Recipe**

• 10 oz. of canned evaporated milk OR whole goat's milk (not pasteurized cow's milk - this will cause scowers dogs cannot drink normal cow's milk. Dogs cannot drink 1%, 2%, Skim, or Whole milk.) Whole goat's milk is by far the best to use. Walmart sells both evaporated milk, whole goat's milk and evaporated goats milk. Make sure you are using EITHER evaporated milk OR whole goat's milk. Do NOT use sweetened condensed milk! • 3 oz. sterilized water (baby water OR boiled water that is then cooled). This is NOT needed if using whole goat's milk.

• 1 raw egg yolk.

• 1 cup of plain yogurt (avoid skim or fat free if at all possible).

#### • 1/2 tsp Karo Syrup or Corn Syrup (NOT HONEY!)

\*\*If you cannot find Karo or Corn syrup where you live, you can do a Google search for "substitute for Karo syrup" and get some options. When I Googled "substitute for Karo syrup," here is what I came up with - 1 c Karo can be subbed with 1 c white sugar and 1/4 c hot water (Cook it to dissolve in the water best you can get it to. Depending on the recipe, if you need the sugar to be completely dissolved you might need to add a bit more water).

Place ingredients in a blender and blend or use a wire whisk. Be careful to not over blend and create a milk shake full of bubbles and then tube bubbles into the puppy.

Keep cool and discard leftovers after 7 days.

Warm formula to body temperature (dogs are around 101 degrees). Discard any unused formula. This is a thick mixture - use a stomach tube to tube feed or enlarge the hole in the nipple for easy access for the pup

# Weight Conversion Chart for Tubing Puppies

1/2 ounce formula = 15cc 1 ounce formula = 30cc> 1 ounce = 28.3 grams

Рирру	Weight	*Formula	Рирру	Weight	*Formula
		Amount			Amount
1 oz. =	28.3	15cc	21 oz. =	594.3	150cc
	grams	daily		grams	daily
2 oz. =	56.6	15cc	22 oz. =	622.6	165cc
	grams	daily		grams	daily
3 oz. =	84.9	15cc	23 oz. =	650.9	165cc
	grams	daily		grams	daily
4 oz. =	113.2	30cc	24 oz. =	679.2	180cc
	grams	daily		grams	daily
5 oz. =	141.5	30cc	25 oz. =	707.5	180cc
	grams	daily		grams	daily
б оz. =	169.8	45cc	26 oz. =	735.8	195cc
	grams	daily		grams	daily
7 oz. =	198.1	45cc	27 oz. =	764.1	195cc
	grams	daily		grams	daily
8 oz. =	226.4	60cc	28 oz. =	792.4	210cc
	grams	daily		grams	daily
9 oz. =	254.7	60cc	29 oz. =	820.7	210cc
	grams	daily		grams	daily
10 oz. =	283.0	75cc	30 oz. =	849.0	225cc
	grams	daily		grams	daily
11 oz. =	311.3	80cc	31 oz. =	877.3	225cc
	grams	daily		grams	daily
12 oz. =	339.6	90cc	32 oz. =	905.6	240cc
	grams	daily		grams	daily
13 oz. =	367.9	90cc	33 oz. =	933.9	240cc
	grams	daily		grams	daily
14 oz. =	396.2	105cc	34 oz. =	962.2	255cc
	grams	daily		grams	daily
15 oz. =	424.5	105cc	35 oz. =	990.5	255cc
	grams	daily		grams	daily

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Рирру	Weight	*Formula Amount	Рирру	Weight	*Formula Amount
16 oz. =	452.8 grams	120cc daily	36 oz. =	1018.8 grams	270cc daily
17 oz. =	481.1 grams	120cc daily	37 oz. =	1047.1 grams	270cc daily
18 oz. =	509.4 grams	135cc daily	38 oz. =	1075.4 grams	285cc daily
19 oz. =	537.7 grams	135cc daily	39 oz. =	1103.7 grams	285cc daily
20 oz. =	566.0 grams	150cc daily	40 oz. =	1132.0 grams	300cc daily

\*Note: Use 1/6 of daily formula amount per tubing. Pup should be tubed about every 3-4 hours.

#### Raising Orphaned Puppies Chilling

Newborn puppies cannot regulate their body temperature very well. They quickly become chilled, or hypothermic, if their mother, their siblings, or their environment does not keep them warm. It will be necessary to provide a heat source for your puppy for the first few weeks of life. Suitable heat sources include hot water bottles, incubators, and heat lamps. Whichever heat source you use, make sure the puppy doesn't become overheated or burned. In addition, avoid drafts by placing the puppy's box away from windows, doorways, and air-conditioning vents.

During the first 4 days of life, aim to keep the air temperature in the box at puppy-level between 85°F and 90°F. Gradually decrease the temperature to about 80°F degrees by days 7-10. If you are raising a litter of puppies, the temperature can be a little lower, as the puppies will huddle together and keep one another warm. The normal rectal temperature for a newborn puppy is 95-99°F. If its rectal temperature is below 94°F degrees you are dealing with a potentially life-threatening case of hypothermia. The puppy needs to be warmed immediately. Take care not to overheat the puppy or warm it too quickly; this can be fatal in a weak puppy.



An orphaned pup on day 1 of using the above formula.



The same orphaned pup on day 10 of using the formula.

### **Dehydration in Puppies**

Newborn puppies quickly become dehydrated very quickly if they are not nursing. They can also become dehydrated if their environment is too hot and dry.

Two indicators of dehydration are loss of elasticity in the skin (the skin stays tented when gently pinched up) and decreased saliva production (the gums and tongue feel tacky or dry).

In addition to providing adequate nutrition, you may need to humidify the puppy box or whelping room if the puppy is small or weak. Be careful not to make the box too hot and humid; this can also cause respiratory distress.

A home humidifier should be adequate.

In some cases you may have to do sub-q fluids. But that is a topic covered for another article on my web site titled <u>Save Your Puppy's Life</u>.

### Hypoglycemia in Puppies

Hypoglycemia quickly develops in a newborn that is not nursing frequently.

As hypoglycemia worsens, the puppy becomes progressively more depressed and weak.

Without treatment it may develop muscle twitches or seizures and then it will become unresponsive and comatose.

If it is showing any of these signs place a few drops of

corn syrup on its tongue. This simple procedure is often sufficient to revive a hypoglycemic puppy. Also watch for signs of hypoglycemia over the next several days, as you adjust your puppy's feeding schedule.

# **Feeding Puppies**

I am not a fan of baby bottles made for puppies. I prefer human baby bottles.

If the pup has a good sucking reflex try those.

Take time to check the hole in the nipple before using the bottle the first time. The hole is the right size if, when you turn the bottle upside down, milk replacer drips from the nipple with only a gentle squeeze of the bottle.

If, when you upend the bottle, you must squeeze it firmly to get milk to drip from the nipple, the hole needs to be enlarged. Otherwise, the puppy will become discouraged or exhausted when nursing and may even refuse to nurse.

To enlarge the hole, heat a needle and then pierce the tip of the nipple a few times. If the puppy is weak and has a poor suck reflex, it is necessary to feed the puppy through a <u>tube</u> inserted into its stomach. Your veterinarian will instruct you on how to place the tube and maintain it for feeding.

## **Orphaned Puppies Need Help Defecating**

Mothers stimulate their puppies to defecate (pass stool) by licking or nuzzling around the puppy's anus. To prevent your orphaned puppy from becoming constipated, you'll need to mimic this action using a soft cloth or cotton ball moistened with warm water. Gently stimulate the puppy's anal area after feeding for the first 2 weeks of its life.

#### **The Newborn Puppies**

The first 36 hours of a puppy's life is the critical period nutritionally.

Healthy puppies will nurse right away and then every few hours. The pups must nurse from their mother within 12 hours of birth to receive her antibodies against disease.

After 12 hours, their stomachs will not absorb antibodies. After this first 12 hours, if the mother does not have enough milk, or if her litter is too large, then the pups' diet can be supplemented with our home made milk replacer. Cow's milk is nutritionally inadequate for puppies.

Orphan puppies less than one week old must be stimulated to urinate and eliminate. This is accomplished by gentle massage of the abdomen and genital area with a piece of cotton wool or tissue, dampened with warm water.



A newborn Leerburg puppy from a litter of 10. His brothers and sisters would crowd him out so he couldn't eat his share. He was maintaining his weight, but not gaining like his littermates. He had a strong suck reflex, so we decided to try to bottle feed him.



That same pup relaxing after a swim with his new family.

#### Weaning Pups

We feed our pups an <u>all-natural diet</u>. That means no commercial food except the Honest Kitchen dehydrated food mixed with meat and supplements. Do your pup a favor feed it all-natural and <u>don't do yearly vaccinations</u>. Educate yourself and extend the life and health of your dogs. I have written a great deal on this subject. Visit my article page and read about <u>vaccinosis</u> and the <u>raw diet</u>.

We start to add raw hamburger to our bottle feeding formula at about 4 to 4 1/2 weeks of age.



After several days of just lapping our puppy formula from a bowl we add raw hamburger - like you see in the photo above.



If the pups are small you may have to mash the raw hamburger into the formula.

An Extensive article and Q&A section from Leerburg on Feeding a a Raw Diet - a must read if your considering an all-natural diet (which everyone should be).

# Reviews, Testimonials, & Questions on Bottle Feeding



Photo of a starving, abandoned pup before the formula.



The same puppy after using the formula.

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December 28, 2012

I am so grateful for your puppy milk recipe. After 2 days of trying to feed them vet formula, I can across your site. I was desperate to find something to keep my 1 week old staffy pups alive. I fed them the milk I made from your site and they lapped it up. They were full but wanted even more. Thank you for saving our 5 little puppies. I will be sharing your recipe with everyone and anyone.

Thank you, Marcella

September 15, 2012

I would like to thank you for all the info you provide on your site. I have a six year old female that whelped a litter 3 weeks ago, that is thriving, thanks to your formula! Zada's milk became infected when the pups were 1 week old. I immediately came to your site for the recipe for formula, they love it and are healthy, fat little buggers. I was looking for info on introducing solids, so I can be ready when the time comes and was shocked to see the gentleman's post about you removing the recipe. I have 9 pups and other than me losing sleep, everything is going great. Several years ago I tried ready made formula before and you had to force feed the pups and they weren't very healthy. Your formula is awesome and thanks to your info, I haven't lost any pups.

Sincerely, Lisa

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July 31, 2012

Picture below one week old pups on Ed's Formula. Very pleased with the health of all the pups on the formula. We weighed the pups everyday for three weeks, between nursing on mom and us supplementing every 3 hours all weight gain is outstanding! Once again, THANK YOU SO MUCH!!



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#### July 17, 2012

Hello Cindy and Ed and folks.

I wanted to say a sincere and heartfelt thank you from our family to you.

We had a bitch about 2.5 years ago that gave birth to a lone surviving male pup, who was, by the time the c section was done, was in the middle of kidney failure... She rejected him after the c section. We allowed him her colostrum and took him from her, because she was adamantly / totally rejecting him. We found your bottle feeding recipe... a godsend, we would find. (We had used the Esbilac and artificial canned stuff many years prior with a previous baby with horrendous results).

Anyway, we know the American show type GSD is not your preference, but we wanted to say thank you. Attached are two pics, one of "Clooney" as a small baby at 3 days old (fed your recipe the whole first 3 weeks). The other a photo of him with his ten year old human "littermate" Hunter, winning Best Jr Handler. A month prior, the two won a big 5 point major Winners Dog in Tucson at a GSD specialty against some of the best pro handlers in the country. Quiet a moment for a rejected singleton pup, and his very proud owner / handler / boy.....

Thank you... so very much. Feel free to use the photos, our pleasure. Ken and Kathy



June 19, 2012

Hi,

I would like to say a massive thank you to you for sharing your hand rearing formula. Thanks to you guys, I have raised over 15 orphan puppies of different ages and

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breeds. All have grown up thriving and gone to wonderful forever homes. I foster for a rescue in the UK and will always use this formula.

Thanks again

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May 7, 2012

Cindy,

I just wanted to take a minute and thank you for a wonderful website! Your puppy formula recipe saved my babies life. We diagnosed her with low blood sugar and switched her to the recipe and the next day she was back to her active self. We rescued these sweethearts after their mother died of a blood infection. Thank you for sharing your knowledge!

Kelly



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Dear Mr.Frawley,

I found your formula on the internet several years ago, and have used it on any of my babies that were weaker than the rest, or fading syndrome babies, etc... it has been a life saver! I modified the formula you use just a little, to increase the calorie count/cc for my tiny little Yorkie babies (8 oz just born with Colostrum, 4 oz Pedialyte, 1 raw egg yolk, 1 c. whole live cultured yogurt, 3 tbsp. Dr. Miller's Nutra Drops... 16 cal/cc, as calculated by a nutritionist). Because of your formula, I have not lost a baby since! THANK YOU! I had read that email advising you to remove your formula from your website... excellent response from you! Don't ever remove it!

Sincerely, Judy

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February 2, 2012

Hi Cindy,

My miniature schnauzer delivered 9 puppies on Monday. She was very large before giving birth, so we anticipated a large litter and purchased puppy formula from our Vet. After delivery we were very concerned about this being such a large litter, and wondering if she would be able to care for each puppy. So on Tuesday we got involved and started helping her, by feeding the puppies the formula/ supplement advised by our Vet. The puppies hated it, and just whined as we were feeding them, and they even started to lose weight. I'm not sure how I ran across your website, but on Wednesday, I saw the article on bottle feeding. I ran right out at lunch and purchased the ingredients and immediately started feeding it to the puppies. When I tell you they were lapping it down like it was a "hot fudge sundae"!!! ..... initially I really thought that some of your testimonies were over exaggerating, but Cindy, when I tell you that by that same evening when I went back to do the puppies second weigh in... they had already gained weight!! Even better, this morning I weighed the puppies and some of them have gained a full ounce!! Now that's a lot for a puppy originally only weighing 4 ounces!! I thought to myself that I must email you and the team and tell you that your web site is awesome, and that I will be purchasing several of your DVDs, products and books, and that I would love to subscribe to your newsletter if you offer one!!! Again thank you!!!

Thx, Natalie

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January 12, 2012

I am sure you get thousands of these emails, but I just had to thank you for the wonderful info on your site.

I have a female Staffy Bull Boxer who accidentally mated with a Rottweiler. She has thirteen beautiful, healthy pups born 2nd January. I am a first time doggy 'mum', and I am having to bottle feed some of the pups I absolutely could not have done this without your site! I know you are a pedigree breeder and my babies are just considered mongrels, but they are lovely healthy pups.

Thanks so much!

January 9, 2012

Hi,

I'd just like to say a huge thank you to you and your site. My American Bulldog gave birth to 11 puppies. Sadly, one was born dead. Another wasn't looking too good, but we managed to get him breathing but the mum wouldn't suckle him, so I had to bottle feed. I nearly lost him twice and he was half the size of his litter mates. I looked on the internet for help... I've never had puppies before, so no clue! I found your site and gave the recipe a go... Omg... in just 3 days he had doubled in weight! He's 5 weeks now and doing great. Still smaller than the rest, but feisty! I've been feeding all the pups on this and they are thriving!!! Mum had enough of feeding at just 4 weeks! Your recipe works miracles! Thank you so much!!!!

Julie from northeast England

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July 11, 2005

Hi Ed,

I fostered a week old Basset Hound puppy that had been starved and came to me severely dehydrated, the only survivor out of a litter of six. Her stomach was concave, and she was close to death. She weighed 9 ounces at seven days (smaller than a Basset newborn). I fed her a canned puppy formula, but she wasn't putting on weight. In my searching for ANY information on distressed puppies, I kept coming to your web site. I mixed up your recommended formula, and she couldn't get enough of it. I was finally confident that she was getting enough calories in her-she is now a fat and healthy little girl, and has been placed in a great home (she is 3 months old), but I have been meaning to thank you for all of the information that you have generously shared online.

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Thanks! Denise

Dear Mr. Frawley,

I realize you are a busy man, but I just had to let you know how much your web site. has helped me. My Bloodhound had 5 pups three weeks ago and after two died I took the other three away from her to try and bottle feed myself. (They were badly dehydrated.) After doing the sub-Q drip and resorting to tube feeding I still lost two. The remaining female is now 3 weeks old and fat and healthy thanks to your milk/yogurt recipe. I had been feeding formula from my vet for the first 10 days and they had tummy troubles and diarrhea. By the time I found your web site. I was down to 1 pup. She loves it, no more messy cleanup and upset tummy. I tried her on the vets formula again the other day and she threw it up. Yogurt plain is rather hard to find in my rural area. But she is on your recipe again and doing well. Your site was very informative and through it all I have learned a lot about newborn puppy care. Mom is getting spayed next week!

Thanks Again, Keri

Hi !

I just wanted to drop a quick note to let you know that the information on your site helped to save 8 beautiful Basset Hound puppies!

My female had her pups late Friday night and ended up with a terrible uterine infection. My vet was out of town until Tuesday morning - so... I was left with a deathly sick dog ( who I was treating myself w/ antibiotics... etc.) and 8 puppies that were barely surviving off of mom. I started supplementing them with your recipe and read all of the information you so graciously provided. The pups are now 11 days old and I am having to care for them myself as mom has started to recover well but has dried up in the process!

Thanks to your site - my babies are doing great ! Growing, fat, and sassy! My family and I are grateful!



- Annie

Copyright Leerburg® Enterprises Inc. 23 Greetings from Canada,

I just wanted to let you know that I came upon your site last weekend at a time that we really needed help. Fate I believe. We are breeders of Olde English Bulldogges and the litter we have on the ground right now have been a challenge. Our bitch has an inadequate milk supply so we have been having to tube feed the pups. Our vet gave us Canine Mammalac to use and the pups have had very poor gains even with the amount of feedings we've been giving them. We don't have to tube them all the time, mom is supplying some milk, so they've been getting tubed 3 x a day. After coming across your puppy formula we decided to give it a try. At this point we figured we had nothing to lose in giving it a go. It's been incredible!! They've been putting on average 55 grams a day and are looking plump and contented. We have one little boy that we've been worried about but even he has been gaining by leaps and bounds. We are so appreciative that you had that on your site for the public to see and that there is an alternative to "vet" formula. Thank you so much for that input. You've helped 4 little bulldogs start out in the right direction.

God Bless!! Erinn & Chad

#### Ed's Response:

I am glad your litter is doing well. I have bred a lot of dogs in the past 30 years and this is the best formula I have seen.

When I have females that are slow to come into milk I give them a couple of cans of chicken broth twice a day - they

all love it. I also jack their food (we feed an all natural diet). In addition we monitor the bitch's temp twice a day and make sure she gets walked a couple of times a day. They have to get rid of the gunk that is still dropping out.

These are ALL important issues.

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Hello Ed,

I just wanted to write you a quick note and thank you for sharing your experience and expertise online. I have a puppy that we've had since she was 2 weeks old. She is the runt and the mother wouldn't take care of her. So, I have been hand feeding her. We have until today been feeding her the vet recommended replacement milk and the canned a/d food. She has been constipated and had 7 enemas. I thought today that we were going to lose her. After the last enema she had serious diarrhea and wouldn't eat. She hasn't gained any weight in the last week and a half.

I found your site today and mixed up your recipe for milk. She LOVES IT and she's eating again. She had her first normal bowel movement tonight and we were so excited!!! After two feedings of your recipe she was noticeably stronger and more active.

I'm taking her to the vet in the morning and showing him what has made the difference.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

Sincerely, Nancy

#### Ed's Response:

I get so pissed at many Vets – they sell this crummy puppy food and Science Diet and its crap.

If the pup gets constipated, add more water to the formula.

When it's a little older here is a DVD you may want to consider <u>Your Puppy 8 Weeks to 8 Months DVD</u>.

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Just want to let you know that thanks to you I was able to save a sick puppy. My dog gave birth to 9 little pups and 2 had died. I took her and the second dead pup to the vet and all he told me was that there is nothing to do but let nature take it's course. I am very strong minded so I decided to take matters in my own hands and searched the net. That's when I saw your helpful tricks and now thanks to you the third little one that was weak has gained weight and is looking on the recovery track. I wish the world would be filled with more people like you who are willing to go the extra mile to save a life...and such a cute little one it is. :)

Thank you so much Annie from Montreal Canada

Dear Sir,

I just happened on your web looking for help with my pups. You see my female Rottweiler had 13 puppies, 8 days early and we had her in a nice warm place and she was doing great. I left to go to my granddaughters school when she had them, but the temp dropped and we lost

2 and we had 3 real sick ones so I brought them into my house and called the vet. We took them in and they said to tube feed them. That was scary to me and they told me that if I didn't they would die. So I started with the formula they gave me but the pups didn't get bigger and then I saw your web and now I have 11 big and getting bigger pups. I just wanted to say God bless you for putting this information out there to help all the little people like me

Thank you!

Nancy

I work at a kennel and one of the mothers had a litter of 3 pups. She pushed one of the little Chihuahuas away and i ended up taking it home to see if i could raise it up. The first couple of days went fine but it started acted lethargic and not taking the bottle. So i went and got a tube and started tubing it with regular formula you get at the vets. it seemed to be doing fine until i went to work and checked up on its litter mates and saw just an extreme difference in size and weight. Its litter mates had their eyes open and were at least double his size.

So Yesterday feeling pretty desperate I went online and found your recipe and made up the formula. I thought well it cant hurt to try and if it doesn't work then I'm no worse off. Last night I gave him the formula in the tube and every 3 hours through out the night. When I got out of bed this morning and really looked at my little guy he was looking at me trough fully opened eyes and has to be at least double his size. He's moving around so much more and is just so much stronger! All of this happened just over night I can't wait to see what a couple days on this stuff does!!! Your formula is a miracle!!!! I can't think you enough!!! If I were you I'd paten the recipe and start selling it!!!! Again, thank you so much.

Sincerely, Virginia Barnesville, Ga.

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Dear Mr. Frawley,

I just wanted to thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to try your recipe. My female (Chachi) had pups on June 13, 2005. We expected 7 - 8 according to our vet, they were wrong!! She ended up having 11 puppies, 7 girls and 4 boys... all alive.

Chachi was doing well with feeding them and then she lost interest in feeding them. (I had to make her get in the box to feed them, I felt bad) I went out and bought the supplement milk and the puppies did not care for that milk at all. They cried every night and every night I had to sit up with Chachi to feed them.

I was loosing sleep and she was loosing caring for them. I was at the end of my ropes. Yesterday, July 6, I decided to search the internet and came across your web site. I went & bought the ingredients for your recipe and waaalaaa, they ate it. I was so excited and happy for them as well as for myself. I feed them and then let them feed from her and they slept very well and so did I. I want to thank you again for making your recipe available to all pet lovers!!!

Thank again, Yvonne Thank you for the puppy formula. I had a failing pup who does not stay on the nipple and needs bottle feeding. She is now a thriving pot-bellied pup! Thanks so much for your life-saving formula.

I am an amateur breeder. Your site has been invaluable.

Leanne

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Dear Mr. Frawley,

I just wanted to thank you very much for posting your article on sick newborns. I have found myself with a day old pup and the realization that there was a problem. Reading your article has already helped immensely and anticipate having a 2 day old pup tomorrow. Your obvious care and concern are only over shadowed by your smarts/ sense to see the need to post such an article. Thanks again.

Sincerely, Wendy

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#### Ed,

17 days ago, our Saint Bernard had a litter of premature puppies. She had 8 naturally, 4 by cesarean, and only 3 survived. She was producing very little milk, so we had to do most of the feeding. By about day 13, she had completely dried up and we were doing all the feeding. Our pups had only gained around 6 oz. since birth. Last night, figuring at this point I had nothing to lose, I mixed up your formula. I used 1.5 oz. of it to 2.5 oz of the store bought formula, as I didn't want to make a sudden change and upset their stomachs. After just 3 feedings, we weighed them again...1 pup was up 2 oz. and 2 were up 4 oz!!!! I am amazed and so pleased. I will slowly add more of your mixture to the store brand until it is completely yours. I can't thank you enough and our puppies can't thank you enough!!

God Bless, Roxanne & Michael, Wisconsin

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Mr. Frawley,

I just had to email you to thank you for the bottle feeding formula. We had a tiny male rejected by it's mother. I tried everything for the first few days, only to have him lose weight. I believe if I had stuck with the veterinarian formula, he would have died.

He has thrived on your formula, doubled his body -weight, we are so thrilled.

Mabel

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I tried your puppy formula with a litter of my English Bullies recently (most of my mom bullies don't ever have enough milk) and it is the best I have used. My babies are fat as little pigs and look so cute. I have used Esbilac for years and just got tired of my babies having the runs and red bellies. I am just careful not to feed them too much formula and they do great. I have forwarded your site to my Vet so she can tell other human puppy moms about this formula.

Edna

I just wanted to thank you for putting that recipe online. I was given 2 Chihuahua puppies that were born on the 4th of July because their mother died during delivery. They were skinny and I had a lot of trouble getting them to take the milk, they weren't gaining any weight on the esbilac. A friend sent me the link and I went right out and got the stuff to make it and they have done excellent. They are fat as butterballs, they are 2 weeks old and doing great. Here are a couple pics of them.

Thank you Stacey





I wanted to thank you for your very helpful site. I help operate a web site. and forum for oil painters, and am aware that there is a lot of bad advice out there. When my dog was in trouble I was hoping that I would find the right online site. I did.

At 5 years old, my Chihuahua bitch must have been too old for a first litter. After a long and difficult labor and delivery, she killed the puppies, while trying to hide them. All but one who was found with a bruised head and bloody face, weighing only 2 oz. It was a horrible day for all of us. When I began feeding the puppy, it was just so that he did not starve to death. While I wanted him to make it, I did not expect him to survive.

Your formula is amazing- the minute that I switched from the vet formula to yours on day 2- he began to thrive.

He is now 7 weeks old thanks to your formula and to the

things that I learned on your forum. Now I am going to spend some time reading about how to stop this little sweetheart from biting.

Thank you again!

Lori



The Beginning



After a Few Weeks

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At 7 Weeks

Hi, my name is Jennifer. I came across your recipe one night while searching the web for a recipe to feed an orphan pup. My dog that is 10 years old had 7 puppies, she couldn't produce milk and by the time I found that she had them, 6 had died. They were very small and she didn't even look pregnant, she just looked like she was a little fat. Well one was still alive and I bought formula from the local pet store and she ate it for about 2 days. After that, she refused to eat anymore. So I found your recipe and tried it out.

SHE LOVED IT! she ate more than she ever did with the other formula. She is now almost 3 weeks old and doing wonderful. Her eyes opened before she was even 2 weeks, and she is crawling around everywhere. I make the formula twice a week now and she is growing so fast. She only weighed 1/2 of a pound when i got her at 1 day old, within the first week she gained another 1/2 pound. She has a fat belly and is growing so well. I wanted to thank you for having that on the internet. It saved her life, if it weren't for that recipe she wouldn't have survived. Again thank you so much!

Sincerely, Jennifer

ALOHA FROM HAWAII....

Thank-you so much for your recipe for bottle feeding puppies. My Chihuahua gave birth to an amazing 6 pups! All alive and bright pink! They were extremely tiny, and I knew something was wrong....They were premature. The mom kept trying to sit on them, and her milk didn't seem to come in, and the pups were so tiny, they couldn't reach her nipples. I managed to save the three largest by tube feeding them from day one with your formula. The mother sat on two of the smallest ones the first night and the third one past away. I think it had kidney problems. The three musketeers are 7 days old and seem to be doing pretty well. When can I stop tube feeding, and go to a bottle? They are extremely tiny! I have sent you a picture. Thank you again, your information was GOD SENT!

Warmly, Vanessa



I wanted to write and tell you thank you for sharing so much wonderful info on your site. I had a Dane pup that got off and got chilled & then started going downhill. I put him on your formula after trying a commercial one and what an amazing difference! I am proud to say 'my little' not only pulled through but thrived! He is now living with a great family and doing wonderfully. I cannot thank you enough.

Teri W


I just wanted to thank you for your formula recipe, I had 3 min pin puppies that were orphaned and i was feeding esbilac and 2 of them basically starved on that formula and didn't make it, the third had enough strength left when i found your article on bottle feeding and is now 3 weeks old and doing great he loves you recipe and is a little butterball. Thanks Again, Mindy



Copyright Leerburg® Enterprises Inc. 37 AWESOME, it worked so much better than the pre-made stuff.

Thank you so much for putting this on the web. My bitch at 1 week after whelping developed mastitis and couldn't feed her pups. They loved this stuff and are now no longer crying and whining from gastric upset or hunger. This was my first breeding and I was so upset at the thought that I might not be able to save this litter. They ate it as if there was no difference between the formula and mothers milk. I tried the pre-made formula because my vet insisted on it, but after 2 days they started loosing weight and would not stop crying and I knew it wasn't working. I have English mastiffs and they need all they can get to get started off right so thank you again and I will for ever be grateful.

Shantell

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Hello Mr. Frawley,

Your puppy formula page saved our pups' life. I wrote to you a couple weeks back thanking you for your dedication and willingness to share valuable information related to dogs. Thank you again. Our little guy is on his way to a fruitful life thanks directly to you. From the first offering of your formula to now he attacks the bottle and eats his fill. He loves this stuff. He weighs just under three pounds now and looks great at 20 days old.

Again, thank you so much for your dedication and your web site. Most of all thank you for the life of our little Finn Von Raven Ridge. By the way, he is related to you. He is a pup out of Olk Von Leerburg - a.k.a.Berk, and Haska Von Techuwald (sp).

Sincerely, Ron

Q: I began using the formula 24 hours ago and the puppies began to lose weight. We are raising Boston Terriers. I have two that weigh between 5 and 6 ounces. The only yogurt we could find was non fat. Would this make a big difference. I was able to find 1.5% low fat yogurt today and I found that we can add mayonnaise in one of your recipes. We decided on this formula because one pup had left lung fluid possibly from eating 6cc of puppy formula every two hours. I wanted something with more fat so that we were not feeding so often. These puppies did weigh 6 and 7 ounces 24 hours ago. I also need to know how to burp these puppies. We have not been successful on feeding with a bottle. These two pups do not form a good suction. We are using a 3cc syringe with a nipple on the end. Only when they suck as best they can do they get any food. They will try to nurse on mom and are encouraged at those times too, but they just can't get the suction down. Any ideas would be greatly appreciated. Also we use a hot water bottle and a rice sock for heat when mom is needing some time away. There were six pups, one of them vasovagaled while mom was stimulating his bowels. We used CPR on him, but could not bring him back. The three other pups weigh between 15 to 17 ounces and suck moms milk dry at times. Thank you for your time.

#### Kimberly

A: You need to use regular (NOT low fat) yogurt for pup-

pies.

If the pups are not gaining because they don't have a strong enough suck reflex then you will have to tube feed them. Sometimes it just takes a couple of tube feedings to get their strength up enough for them to nurse properly. I wouldn't be overly concerned with burping them until you get them eating better.

As Ed wrote, I would also check for a cleft palate. Check their skin for dehydration, pinch the skin and if it remains 'tented up' this means the pup is dehydrated. If the pup is dehydrated then you will need to get more fluids into him either through adding a bit more water to the formula or giving fluids sub q. <u>http://leerburg.com/savepup.htm</u>

Q: Dear Ed,

Once again you have pulled a puppy's butt out of the fire. As busy as you are you always take the time to help others. I just wanted to tell you how much your help has meant to me. Even though you probably don't remember me, you helped me on my first litter when one of the puppies would not suckle. I wrote you at some odd hour in the morning and you responded. You got that puppy through the problem and she did thrive and is in a new home. You have been great! Every new breeder would be so lucky to have someone like you at their back. Thank you more than you will ever know.

**Bonnie & Sherry** 

**A:** Thank you - emails like this make getting out of bed in the morning worth while.

# **Q:** Hi Ed

My name is Penny, On March 6th my Pom gave birth to 4 pups. The first one born was less then 1oz and as small as my first finger, I never had a puppy so small, the other 3 were about 5oz. To 6oz. This pups are Poem/Maltese mix. Mom is the Poem and is 6#, the dad is the Maltese and is 8#. Well the little boy which we named Rocky did not stand a chance to nurse with his other sibling being so much bigger. I help him nurse for 2 days off of mom ,but he was just to weak,he just had a hard time sucking and holding on to a nipple. I started to feed him with a bottle, with a dry powder that you mixed with water. He was having a hard time, he was eating all right, but was not doing well. I said to my husband that I had to do something or we were going to lose him, he was then 2 weeks old and was not gaining any weight. I got on the Internet and found you Ed and thank god everyday that I did. I started to give him your formula that same day. He was 2oz and 2 weeks old, but he also and a running nose, started him on .1 ml of amoxil every 8 hours. He is now going to be 4 weeks old on Monday April 3rd.He is doing well weights in at 4oz. I need to know if I should worm him, when and how much? If you could email me back with this information I would so grateful. The sooner the better. Thank you so much for your web site and thank you so much for saving my puppy's life. I am sending you a picture of are Rocky.

Thank Penny





**A:** The pup does need to be wormed and this will help his weight gain. I can't tell you how much to use, ask your vet.

Also do not vaccinate this pup for some time.

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I am trying to find an answer on feeding the 3 week old puppies mom does not want to get in the box anymore gave them some baby rice cereal this morn I certainly do not want to do anything wrong here, they did eat out of the dish. Do you have any suggestions for me. Your time is appreciated and advice welcomed.

Thank you, Diane

A: Use my formula. With this said, I would ask myself why this female did this. If the whelping area is clean, if the bitch is allowed out to pee and poop and get a walk (after the first week) and it still does not want to be with her pups - then don't breed her again.

### Q: Ed

I work for Great Dane Rescue of North Texas and I have a very sweet momma that whelped 10 puppies in the shelter 13 days ago. The mom is exhausted, her teats look smaller, not nice and full like they did last week. They are a bit red. She has diarrhea as well. Today, I am going to crate her away from the puppies because she tends to just lay there and nurse all day. They are weighing 3lbs but I am starting to get concerned. This is my first time to have a nursing mom and I don't know if I should be worried yet or not. I was going to crate her two to three hours next to the pups. What should I do? We have never had a littler this big in rescue before. Mom's weight seems to be good for now. She is just so tired and I am worried about her milk supply. ANY Info would be much appreciated.

Heather

A: Here is what I would do:

• Take the Mom's temp - it should be 101 to 102°F. If it is over 103°F she needs to be on antibiotics. We would put our dogs on Baytryl. Have a vet look at her.

• Worm the mother.

• Offer the mother 3 or 4 cans of chicken broth a day - the more fluids she drinks the more milk she makes.

• Use a human nail clipper and just clip the SHARP tips off the pups nails this may be the reason her breasts are red.

• If you can afford to offer the mother some hamburger as a food supplement that would help.

Q: Hello,

My name is Carissima and I live in Honolulu, Hawaii. I found your web site. Yesterday and decided to try your puppy bottle feeding recipe. I have four English bulldog puppies that are 20 days old, and mom is not producing enough milk. I started with Ebsilac, but puppies became fussy and did not want to drink it. They were spitting it out. So I fed them your recipe. They love it, every thing was fine until last night. After one of the puppies ate, (he ate a lot real fast) he started shaking. He made dodo then spit up a little bit, but continued to shake. He settled after about 20 minutes. Then this morning, I fed the puppies and 1 of them (again ate real fast, but not more then he should), started to shake. Two of the other ones were shaking a little but not as bad. They all settled and seem to be! fine.

**A:** The hole in the nipple may be letting too much milk out. Read the article again. Give the mother 2 or 3 cans of chicken and beef broth every day. The more liquid she drinks the more milk she makes, it's a simple rule of thumb.

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Q: Hello Ed,

I have a litter of 8 Boxer puppies, born Friday. The mom was awful, she wouldn't let the pups nurse, she dug them into a pile and laid on them, and stepped on them all!!! We actually had to tie her legs together and physically hold her down to get the pups on her. We fought her the whole way, but I knew how much those pups were starving and needed colostrum. By the time we were able to hold her down and get them on her, some of the pups hadn't sucked for 12 hours since they were born. This was Diamond's first and last litter. I was up all night Thursday night - Friday night tending to pups when I found your site.

I immediately made the formula and started bottle feeding the pups. Well we've gone a week, and it has gone fairly well, except for yesterday and today. I re weighed all the pups on day 5, to find that most had gained 2 to 4 oz. since birth. I was pretty pleased with this, but I now have had some extremely soft to almost diarrhea stools form. The stools have a watery mustard texture, and some squirts out. One of my bigger pups has now stopped growing, her appetite has decreased and she's even pale colored in her mouth, she was the first to develop the diarrhea stool that almost is milky colored with hints of blue/green in it. Her nose is also a little wet (is this pneumonia) I'm very worried and could use some advice. I called a my vet, and he says " not much you can do, without their mom's milk they're chances aren't good." So I called another vet, and all she had to say was "I don't really recommend anyone bottle feeding pups, they need their mom's milk. However if you're going to do it you should really use the powdered formula we sell for puppies. That way you know they are getting the balance they need."

What are some of the signs of pneumonia, and what can we can do if its' that? Are there some antibiotics I can give them or anything?

Ed, I can't tell you how much of a relief it was to see those pups sucking down the formula, you guys use. They were all doing so well, at first a batch lasted me almost 2 days, now I go thru a batch a day! And the stools and everything were going perfectly for the first4-5 days. What can I do for my pups now? I really would appreciate any advice you may have to give.

I live in rural ND, where vets are limited, and those that are around are large animal vets. They don't like to mess with small animals, or small breeders. I am a small breeder, and have never had this happen to me before. Please help me. Thank you, and sincerely,

Stephanie

**A:** These vets fall into the DUMB and DUMBER class of vets who are short sighted and closed minded.

With that said, it's impossible for me to diagnose a problem with a small pup like this. If I had it, I would try some corn syrup under the tongue. If that does not work I would try Clavamox.

Good luck.

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Copyright Leerburg® Enterprises Inc. 46 Q: Dear Ed,

Five days ago my pekingese had a c-section and didn't make it through surgery which left me with 5 puppies. The vet started them on sav-a-caf ultra 24. Then I started them on your formula they are all doing wonderful thanks to your formula I can't thank you enough. This has really made them healthy. My question is since they did not receive their colostrum will they be ok later or is there anything that can I can do to insure that they will not be sick when they are exposed to other animals? Again thank you so much I truly believe you saved their lives with your formula.

Thank you, June

A: Sorry I don't know the answer. Frankly I don't know if anyone knows for sure and I don't want to guess. Just don't over vaccinate the pups. There is more risk that the pups will get sick from the vaccinations than there is that they will get immunity.

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# **Q:** Ed,

thanks so much for the informative web site, I have 9 basset puppies that did get moms milk for 3 days before she drowned in a swimming pool, a tragic accident that we still do not understand how it happened. We have been bottle feeding the puppies first with esbilac and now with a mix called unimix that we got from the local feed store. It says it works for puppies and has mixing instructions specifically for them. My question is this, on Thursday it will be 2 weeks, most of the puppies seem fat and happy there is only one that is small and we have a hard time getting her to eat but they are all stretching out the feeding time. We started feeding them almost 2 ounces of formula every 2-3 hours now they are going 4-5 hours and are only eating 1-2 ounces. This concerns me but I am not sure if it is normal, if I should be worried or if I should try something else. Your advice would be greatly appreciated.

Kerry

**A:** I am familiar with both of these products and they both SUCK!!!

Go to my web site and feed these pups my home made formula.

With that said - it is too bad about the mom. I own a swimming pool and every dog we have learns how to swim and where the steps are to get out.

Even if they hate going in we force them to learn how to save themselves. The mother probably fell in trying to get a drink of water - so I hate to say this but this was preventable and it never should have happened.

R: Ed,

thanks, and although we are not totally out of the woods yet, (and we did lose one) after only 24 hours using your recipe the puppies are totally different, they look and act very so much better. I will add my testimony to those of others that what you have works. It bewilders me a little as to why the purported (puppy substitutes) can actually market and sell something that will let your puppies die they have no conscious. Why don't you do the world a favor and make a million in the process... market and sell this formula. Thanks again, Kerry

**R2:** Kerry the answer to this is that nothing is better than an all-natural fresh diet. This is the case for puppies and it's the case for adult dogs. If there was ever a case for feeding a raw diet it's this article on bottle feeding. When a raw diet is proven again and again to do so much for new born pups it amazes me that people can't see what a similar diet of all-natural products will do for an adult dog.

**Q:** Hi - I had a litter of bulldog puppies on Friday afternoon. Everything went fine for the 1st 2 days and then the mother's milk wasn't coming in on day 3 like it should. In fact the puppies weren't gaining. They were looking dehydrated and one started to fail. Her milk wasn't white, but rather watery and sticky to the touch. We took her away from them and started to tube feed them and they came around except one which died (note this puppy had a hernia at birth which the vet sewed up to repair - and when he was very sick it looked inflamed. We thought we lost him due to infection around the sutures.

We next brought in a collie mother (her puppies had just been taken from her (4 weeks and were eating on their own) She had lots of milk and fed them instantly and cleaned them. They immediately filled up and finally looked normal and round for the first time in a day. One of the puppies wouldn't settle down and began to cry and was very uncomfortable unless held and massaged around the stomach. We gave it a little Pepto Bismo on its tongue. Anyway it stopped nursing so we tube fed it and gave it water and hummingbird fluid before tube feeding it. It died the next morning - despite tube feeding it every 2 1/2 hours and keeping it warm.

Now another puppy has stopped nursing and we are tube feeding it. I suspect they ingested their mother's bad milk and got sick from this. the other 3 seem fine - we let them nurse off the collie mother every 2 1/2 hours and she cleans them and licks them and then we put them back in a box with a hot water bottle - because the collie gets out of the box and leaves them after feeding them and cleaning them.

Thanks for any help you can give,

Caroline

**A:** Give the pups corn syrup, they may be hypoglycemic. Use my bottle feeding formula and do what this article says. IT WORKS.

You have to give the dehydrated pups sub-q fluids to get them to come back. Have your bitch checked by a vet.

When we have a bitch without a lot of milk, we always give her 2 or 3 cans of chicken broth a day. The more liquids she drinks, the more milk she will produce for the pups.

**Q:** Hi, I wrote you 5 weeks ago about 2 orphaned boxer pups I was hand raising. I was worried about one. Well, they're 9 weeks old, fat, with a clean bill of health. I think on part of your formula. Nothing else worked. They're weaned and have already learned their "no," and the "sit" command which I exercise before they go out, and before they eat, and not to get on furniture. I have also been

making sure they do not get into any fights and if they do, break it up immediately. However, I've been looking for books and articles on orphaned pups, but can't seem to find anything about their temperament. As far as I can tell, which means zero in the dog world, they're very patient and calm for their age. I mean energetic, yes, but they seem to follow directions well. Which is weird because all I read on Boxers when I got one are that they are typically so stubborn. To the contrary, their mom was a wonderful dog. She wouldn't walk through a door before a human. She knew all commands and followed them well. She obeyed to the utmost. I've NEVER had a dog with her temperament and patience. It's a pity she's gone. Anyway, is there any difference with hand-raised pups and bitch-raised pups? As far as their respect for humans? The only thing I found said they won't be normal.

Thanks! Your site rocks.

Kandi

A: As long as pups are allowed to <u>socialize</u> with other pups or dogs, they will grow up to have a normal temperament. Singleton pups, those raised without other dog socialization, can have temperament issues. Many people do not understand <u>how important early socialization with</u> <u>other dogs is</u>. This is where pups learn their "dog manners" and bite inhibition to name just a couple.

Ed:

Amazing! After giving birth to eight puppies, our mixedbreed bitch would have nothing to do with them after licking off the placental sac. It was instantly clear she wasn't going to nurse them. I checked pet supply stores in my area for commercial puppy formula and quickly learned that using the product didn't make economic sense.

I surfed the web, found your site, found your puppy formula and headed for Wal-Mart. They had everything I needed to make the first batch. (Do you ever get bored of hearing these success testimonials?!) My wife and I followed your directions to the letter. We bottle fed, no tube. We burped, stimulated to eliminate, weighed and witnessed. The pups never lost ground. Even the runt, who didn't get special treatment but who we tracked carefully for weight gain-loss, could barely be distinguished from his siblings when we began weaning. We also fed ground beef with formula for a couple a weeks before weaning. The pups never got any of mom's milk and I'm aware of the immunity problems that could result, but at seven weeks old they were strong and thriving.

We couldn't keep any of the pups but they've all gone to good homes.

Ed, there's one thing you should warn people about who have never spent weeks hand-feeding and caring for the needs of newborn pups. It's not the hours of work required to feed them. It's not the expense of buying what's needed. It's not the constant cleaning of their den. It's the look in a puppy's eyes when you hold them up to your face. They seemed able to see inside my soul and I seemed able to see into theirs. Giving them away was heart-wrenching. Thanks for making our experience possible. I'll never forget it.

Your formula, your web site, you, are just awesome!

Sincerely, Henry Hi Mr. Frawley~

I am not sure if you are the owner of the web site or what but if you could get this email onto the correct person, I would really appreciate it. I just wanted to say a quick thank you for the information that you provided for making the puppy formula.

My boxer recently had a litter of puppies (she only had two) and they are now two and a half weeks old. Just this past Monday, we had been having problems with the littlest one. She was losing weight and was crying a bit but not enough to worry me. By Tuesday, she was crying almost none stop and I couldn't get her to take the puppy replacement formula. I was literally forcing her to lap up what I was putting into her little mouth ...still not no avail.

I was scared that we were going to lose her that night. I had decided that I should look online to see if someone had a "miracle" puppy formula and luckily, I found your web site through askjeeves.com. I was desperate at that time and ran to Wal-Mart at 10pm hoping they would have the goat's milk that you spoke of. Thank god they did.

I came home and made your puppy formula, a little scared because you never know what you are going to find on any web site, and they took the formula like it was the best thing in the world. Please accept my thanks for the great information you offered on your web site Had it not been for you, I could have lost that little girl or we would have had to make an emergency vet run that would have been very costly! They are now both little plump piglets and keeping quiet at night. Thank you again for the great information and I will be sure to pass this along to anyone I know who is planning on having puppies.

Melissa

Hi there, my name is Robin and just wanted to comment about your site. I was looking around at sites to help me with my problem and ran across yours. I have a French Bulldog that had her first viable litter and a beautiful natural birth at that. About a week along and I started to notice that the pups weren't defecating normally and the mother's milk glands weren't at big as they should be. So unaware of what I should do, I starting researching on the web. I am a total holistic believer, especially with this breed, due to the typical health problems. I was a little leery about all the info and then read all of your comments and was sold. I thought to give it a shot. Unbelievable! It's has definitely done the trick. They love it and have grown like weeds. I had contacted a local English Bulldog breeder in town where I live and she totally flipped out when I told her what was in the formula. She said that I was going to kill my dogs and that was the stupidest thing I could do. She said that I needed to go to the vet and get the mother a shot of pitocin to bring the milk back. Stating that the egg would give the babies salmonella. I was back in guestion again, but by that time I had already given the puppies two bottles each of formula. So instead of freaking out, I thought about it for a while and my gut instinct kept telling me to give it a shot. I thought that if bodybuilder eat raw eggs everyday and I made sure that all of the ingredients were fresh, how could it kill them. Especially because the yogurt has the acidophillus to kill the bad bacteria. DUH! Good

thing I stuck with my instincts because I got a little criticism from my friends, but when they saw the outcome, they said "stick with whatever it is your doing, because it's working." I started the pups at a week and a half and they will be 3 weeks tomorrow and they go through a whole batch bottle feeding in 2 days. 3 pups and growing by the minute. A little skeptical about the hamburger and formula mush, but if everything else works, then why not. Thanks so much for the info and I will definitely pass it along to help others in time of need.

Sincerely, Robin

I just wanted to thank you for your very informative web site. Last September our SHih Tzu had a litter of 10 puppies. They we all healthy but to many for her to nurse. She laid on one of the pups and smothered it so we took half the puppies away and bottle fed the for 12 hours and them switched with her a bottle fed the other half. I used your formula and the remaining 9 did wonderful. The vet was very impressed that we were able to save them all. WELL, we bred her again and she just had pups Saturday. She had 11. (isn't that some kind of record for a Shih Tzu?). anyway we are back to the rotation feeding and all 11 of them are doing fine. Birth weights were from 3 to 5.5 oz. Thanks again for all of your help BY the way I don't think that we will be breeding her again!!!!!!!!

Hi there,

I emailed you last week about a little rescue puppy I had that was failing. He is now about 2 1/2 weeks old and is

finally GAINING! He is coming up about an ounce a day and is now up to just over 10 ounces :o) He would have died without the sub-q fluids for sure but I also know that our little Lazarus would have died without your formula recipe. We are using the preemie nipples and feeding every 2 hours in the day and every 3 to 4 in the middle of the night. His eyes are open and his ears are on the way too. I know you hear this a lot but I wanted you to know from the bottom of my heart how much your help meant to me and this little guy. Your thoughtful sharing saved his life!

Thank you so much,

Denise





Q: I understand you are a busy man, but this is very important and I am not sure where else to turn. Our vet is a very rude person and says we just don't know what we are doing. We have had 2 large litters born 5 days ago. In the litter of 11 we lost 2 at birth, and now still have 9. All but one of these pups are very large. The one female is still as small as she was 5 days ago. She doesn't seem to be gaining weight at all. She'll eat all day long and nothing happens. She will not eat Esbilac, wants nothing to do with a bottle or anything other than mama's milk. I sit with her for an hour at a time even, holding her onto mama's nipple and pulling off the really fat pups to make sure that she gets food in her. However, she is really small and very weak. She does seem to be getting stronger though, holding her head up on her own more and moving around more. But her back legs don't seem to want to move at all, while the other pups are moving around great and are huge compared to her. (I have enclosed a couple of pictures). She gets cool very fast, and I hold her

against my naked chest to give her body heat, and that works for a while as she loves that and goes to sleep and seems to warm up. She also does not make any sounds. No crying or whimpering like the other pups do. I am going to try your formula, but I am worried about her gaining weight. We had to give her sterilized water through injection to hydrate her. What suggestions might you have to keep her alive. It's a 24 hour job, and I'm exhausted. But I don't want to lose her. She is a great puppy (as they all are).

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to a response.

Sincerely, Crystal

**A:** You need to find another vet! Feed her the formula we recommend, and keep her warm. There are directions with the formula.

**Q2:** We have been using the formula. And it's a miracle actually, she is growing, and she loves it. She wouldn't have anything to do with the Esbilac. Now she actually makes cries and other puppy noises at times. However, one problem we are having is when bottle feeding (we don't have tubing) she gags and chokes and then goes stiff (like riga mortis stiff) and can't breathe. we have to grab the nape of her neck and shake her until she breathes again. TWICE this has happened. The hole in the nipple isn't too big, the other pups don't have a problem with it. BTW they ALL love the formula.. it tastes really good.. lord knows I had to try it. At least it smells better than Esbilac.

Also, 3 pups have these Large fluid like lumps on their necks. It's one from each litter and they are all red dobie's. Any suggestions on that?

# Crystal

**A:** I think you are our first "human taste tester" for the formula.

A lot of pups that won't touch Esbilac will take our formula without a problem. Esbilac is NOT appropriate food for puppies anyway, in our opinion.

It sounds like your pup is aspirating the formula, I would be concerned about pneumonia. It's not uncommon in bottle fed pups. I would try to find a vet that treats you with some respect and have her checked out.

As for the lumps on the others, have they been given fluids? If not, I am not sure what to tell you on that! Does the mom pick them up in her mouth?

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Thank you for taking the time to answer our emails and posting your formula, it saved my little chi pup at two days old. Her sister never had a problem nursing, but she just never thrived with her mother. Luckily her mother takes good care of her and she can be with her sister in between feedings. Your formula saved her life. She does at the beginning of each feeding sneeze a little clear sniffles but only a small amount and just at the start of nursing. was thinking it is not pneumonia, since it is clear and her breathing is clear (no rattle) is this wishful thinking? or should I be concerned? she is twelve days old today and tripled in size. Again thank you for your formula, her mom loves it too!!!

Carla in Arizona

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Dear Mr. Frawley,

I want to thank you for your web site. One of my rescue dogs delivered 9 babies on January 17th. It's a long story, but she wasn't able to take care of them and two died the first night. I took over the feeding using store-bought formula mix. I lost 4 more babies that first week. Out of desperation, I turned to the internet to get advice and stumbled upon your web site. Since I began feeding them the evaporated milk/ yogurt formula I found on your web site., I haven't lost anymore babies. The three that survived will be four weeks old in a couple of days and I owe it all to you. They've been to the vet and got a clean bill of health, along with their first vaccines at week 3.

Thanks again for your web site. and advice- you saved three puppies lives and my sanity!



Brian

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# Q: Hi Ed,

I am bottle feeding a Border/Aussie pup. Mom had 6 pups 3 died. my pup is really pot belly, we wormed them all, found Hookworms :-( Do you have any idea why his wrists would appear to be bent, I just found your site and make your puppy formula. How often should I be feeding him? He was born 06/01/07, and weighs 1.12oz. Feeding him a raw diet will not be a problem our other dogs and cats are on a natural diet.

Kathy

A: Hookworms take a really serious toll on puppies, I don't think I have ever had a pup that young with hooks. It's possible that his wrists are bent because he's not getting all the nutrients he needs, especially with a worm load. I would probably take him to a good vet for advice. It may also be that once you start adding some solid food, his legs will straighten out. Can he walk around at all?

For a puppy of that age I would be feeding every 3-4 hours. In a few days you could start trying a shallow pan for feeding, and by 4 weeks old he should be able to have some chopped meat added to the formula if he is growing and eating well.

Good luck with him.

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Hi

I know that a lot of people have told you how wonderful your recipe is, but I also need to tell you that without it, I

would have lost the puppies. Bella had her puppies (7 of them) and all was going well until the second day when she got very sick, vomiting and diarrhea. I took her to the vet and they couldn't find anything wrong with her. To make a long story short, after the night of vomiting and diarrhea, Bella had no milk for her puppies. So I've been bottle feeding them since they were 2 days old and today they are 2 1/2 weeks old and all are doing very well... in fact you could say they're fat and sassy. Thank you so much. I hope you know how much you recipe and all of your helpful information has meant to us.

Angie Mission Viejo, California

I just wanted to take a minute to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for your puppy feeding formula and for taking the time to post all the information up for people to access. Last week our Leonberger had six pups. She was early and got herself under our back deck to have the pups. Well we finally got her out by taking the deck apart. This is her first litter and she had very little milk -- its our first litter too so we didn't know what to look for. Then she developed Mastitis. Took mom and pups to the vet and he gave us some antibiotics and said feed the pups with a bottle once or twice a day to supplement them. For three days we tried to feed those pups, they wouldn't have it, pups were screaming all the time and their mother turned into a nervous wreck. On Saturday one of those precious pups died in my arms and at that point I knew that if I didn't do something different we were going to lose all the babies. Thank goodness I found your site. Went to the store right away and made some of your formula - decided to feed every four hours. It took a quite bit of coaxing (and some Karo syrup) to get all the

pups back on track but as of this morning's 4am feeding our biggest problem is pulling the bottle out of the pup's mouths. Thank you, thank you, thank you from our family and from five now happy, contented pups!

Terri S

#### Ed's Response:

Hi Terri,

It's emails like this that make my day.

Vets are so stupid about these things – they push that commercial crap and pups die as a result.

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Dear Ed,

I'm sure you get MANY thank you's everyday, let me add one to it.

I have a puppy that I had been bottle feeding with Esbilac, but he HATED it. I read your eBook about bottle feeding puppies, went to Wal-mart and bought the items, blended it and he took to it IMMEDIATELY! His weight gain has been VERY slow, but I think this will speed things up considerably.

Thank you so much, Nancy

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Dear Ed,

Just wanted to say what a great milk recipe it is. We have

Copyright Leerburg® Enterprises Inc. 63 a litter of 2 week old Boxers, but their mum is not keen to feed during the day as the weather here at the moment is pretty hot. We found your recipe while looking for weaning information and have been using it to top them up a little bit during the day to keep the pups satisfied, but are glad to say that their mother does feed them in the evening.

The pups love it and so does their mother. I just wanted to say thanks.

K Bostel Suffolk, England

Q: Hi Ed,

We have recently experienced our first litter, and am learning as I go. Our litter was of 11, and our female only had 10 teats. She has done a good job with trying to nurse all the pups, but at week 2 they don't seem to be getting enough. Even the larger pups are fussy and nurse non stop as though they are starved. I recently came across your web site and have tried your formula. The pups take it very well but they have started having mustard colored soft ice cream consistency poop. Is this a normal reaction to the change or should I take them to the vet? The dam has also started having severe diarrhea. I appreciate your time and any advice you can offer a rookie.

Sincerely, Tina Kentucky

A: Tina,

The formula is the best you can get. With that said the mother's milk is better. The key to getting a female to produce more milk is to feed her better and get her to drink more liquids. Give her a couple of cans of chicken broth and beef broth every day. One in the morning and one in the evening. Make sure she has plenty of fresh water (clean the bowl every day) – when the pups are 3 weeks old we put water down for them and leave it – so they can drink when they want. You should also increase the amount of food your female gets. We only feed our dogs an all-natural diet and don't every recommend commercial dog food.

It's not that unusual to have yellow colored poop.

**Q:** Hi,

My boxer puppies are 2 weeks old now and the dam just did not have enough milk (which I will start feeding her chicken broth today after looking at your web site) she had 10, 1 still born. I have been hand feeding 3 of them just twice a day to help them out and they never seem to get full even though there belly's are fat after I feed them (I have been using espalic goat puppy formula, which I will be switching to yours also) my question is I believe 1 of them has gotten milk in his lungs because I hear a raspiness just after I feed him, he is still gaining weight and very active, should I give him antibiotics? I am guessing the milk is coming out to fast. Also at what age could I see if they will lap the formula from a bowl? They still nurse from mom also, I am only supplementing those 3, I tried to wean them off the supplement and they guickly started losing weight.

Thank you Terrie

**A:** I would worry a bit about aspiration pneumonia. If the raspiness continues, I would take that pup in to the vet.

You should be able to try a <u>shallow pan</u> with formula at around 3 weeks of age.

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**Q:** We have a two week old puppy that we have been bottle feeding with Esbilac. He is doing well and gaining weight slowly but he has been getting constipated. I would like to try your formula. should we use regular goats milk in a container or should it be canned?

**A:** Esbilac is garbage - pure garbage. You can use canned or whatever. If a pup gets constipated, you need to add water.

**Q2:** How much water? if a pup gets 11 cc of formula, do we add 3 cc of water or more?

A: If you use goat milk from a carton you should not need to add water. If you use canned I usually add about 30% water. I would also make sure the pup is not dehydrated, constipation in little puppies is usually indicative of dehydration. Pinch the skin and if it stays 'tented' up where you pinch the pup needs additional fluids. We give them under the skin so they can be readily absorbed. A vet would need to show you how to do this.

**Q:** Hi,

I found the address on your Whelping Puppies DVD (which is absolutely terrific by the way) for the gavage tubes and I can't seem to find them on the internet to order. The DVD says "Baxter Pharmaseal" and then the address below says "Barter Nealthcare"? Can you help. I have taken in a 5 day old "runt" Jack Russel from a friend in which the mother refuses to feed him. I have been tube feeding for a few days now and he is gaining, urinating and his "skin tent" is almost gone, but I have not seen him defecate for about 8 hours now. He seems very content and I have done everything the way you have said, but you did mention something about adding an antibiotic? Tube feeding is definitely the way to go if you work full-time! I don't know why they even sell the puppy baby bottles. They just don't like them! His eyes are beginning to open today. I raise miniature schnauzers and have luckily never had to supplemental feed, but this was a great opportunity for me to try. I would like to add more feeding tubes and equipment to my first aid kit, just in case for the future and would like to try the tubes you use. Thanks for the great DVD and any more info on saving this little guy would be great.

Sincerely, Kasie

A: <u>Here are the feeding tubes we sell</u>.

Sometimes you need to hydrate them a bit, to get them pooping. If his skin is still 'tenting' a bit, then I would add a bit of water to the formula. See if this helps. I would add like 1 cc of water to each 5 you are feeding him.

I hope this helps.

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Copyright Leerburg<sup>®</sup> Enterprises Inc. 67 Hi Cindy,

I wrote you 2 weeks ago about tube feeding a 4 day old Jack Russel pup. With your advice and formula, "Lucky" has bloomed and went from 145 grams to 600 grams as of yesterday! He is still bottle feeding, but beginning to eat his "mash" and drink from his water dish also. The gentlemen that brought him to me to try to save him has the rest of the litter and they are all over 1200 grams at this point, with teeth! Lucky's teeth have not come through yet, but I expect any day, seeing how he is gnawing on everything! So he seems to be about a week behind the rest developmentally, but coming along nicely. They only problem he has is one eye which appears to be blind. (Very hazy, blue) since the day he opened it. The other appears to be fine and he can definitely follow me around the kitchen at feeding time! LOL. Have you ever heard of any vision problems with rejected pups like this and/or could that have been a reason why the mother rejected him? Either way we have fallen in love with him and hope to place him in an incredibly loving home so we can still visit him. But as I said before, I raise Miniature Schnauzers and this has been an incredible learning experience for me if I ever have any pup issues with my girls. Thanks so much, I only wish more people would buy your whelping DVD and read this web site (especially vets!). They would have definitely gave up on Lucky!

Take care and thanks so much, sincerely, Kasie

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Q: Hello,

I found the formula for the puppy on your web site and I

Copyright Leerburg® Enterprises Inc. 68 have been giving it to my puppies as we had to give the mother back to the breeder and we were able to keep 2 pups. They are 3 weeks old now and I have noticed when they go to the bathroom the bowel movement are really soft and my girl's is almost diarrhea. I am not sure if there is a problem with the formula or if she is having a problem.

Do you have any advice as to what I should do or look for in the future until they eat real food?

Thanks in advance, Geri



**A:** I would take a stool sample to the vet and have it checked for worms or coccidia. I would also make sure you are not overfeeding them, diarrhea can be a sign of overfeeding.

You should be able to start mixing food in with the formula within the next several days, if they do not have any intestinal parasites. We have a <u>section on feeding dogs</u> that may be helpful to you as they are being weaned.

Mr. Frawley, I am just writing this short message to thank you for the recipe for the puppy formula. We had a litter of four doxies just a week ago. The first day of feeding was ok with our female, but then her milk wasn't coming in with enough quantity to keep the pups gaining steady weight. We tried store bought formula at the advice from our vet. They hated the taste of it and we were getting very worried about them becoming dehydrated. We found your web site and your formula. We began using it the next day, and it was like a new breath of life in them. They are eating with great energy and the mother even enjoys it. Thank you for your helpful advice and the formula. It is nice to see people in the pet field who are willing to share their information without wanting something in return. Once again, your formula saved our puppies lives.

All the best in your work, Tony+Miranda Miamisburg,Ohio



#### Hi!

I just wanted to take this time to thank you for the information you have posted on your web page, about how to take care of an ill puppy. I just recently had a litter of yorkies that was an enormous litter for the mom (7pups), one puppy did fine for a little bit, but then I found her away from her litter mates and very cool to touch.

I do have a nursing background- thank god- so I knew a few things to do with her. But on day 4 when she was not responding to the treatment I was giving her and she started to lose grams- I didn't know where to turn- I really thought she would benefit from IV fluids, but could not find the safe amounts to give or even how to give them. That's when I found your web page, I converted all of your numbers, into numbers that were safe for an 88g pup, and let me tell you after 24 hours of me giving her the IV fluids 3 times a day- (I further broke down your numbers to give the fluids every 8 hours instead of every 12 hours) she started to respond- and began to thrivegaining weight daily. Now she is happy and healthy living with my sister.

Thanks again for all of your great advice and experience!!!

I am including pictures of Zoey- the baby that has you to thank for her life!!!

Sincerely!! Amy


Hi. I just wanted to thank you for your information on bottle feeding puppies. I used your formula in feeding 8 mastiff pups and they are thriving!! They have grown so much since I began using your formula! The mom developed mastitis and refused to feed them. (No, I will not breed her again!) A couple of the pups would take the Esbilac formula, but most of them would not. The first time I offered them your formula, they ALL took the bottle immediately! They are now 24 days old and doing great. I am not following the raw food diet, but I am still using your formula to mix in with their puppy food. Thank you again.

Renee S K9 Mindz Meant 2B Mastiffs



**Q:** My rotty gave birth to 14 puppies who are now 2 weeks old. It was a planned pregnancy and we breed her

Copyright Leerburg® Enterprises Inc. 73 with our friends rotty. We have held rotties for the past 3 years and our friend for about 7 years.

At 1 week I split the litter and took 8 away from her as she started to leave them alone more frequently and for longer periods. I have since bottle fed them on a milk replacement which has them constantly having diarrhea. I took them to the vet and she listened to their heart beat and took their temps and checked for dehydration but said they looked fine and that I should just watch for blood in the diarrhea.

I am unhappy that they have to have diarrhea and have tried to change to your recipe with the evaporated milk etc but cant seem to find the corn or karo syrup anywhere at our local shops. Would you know if it is known by any other name or is their a substitute for this ingredient that maybe more readily available in our rural area.

Thanks to your site I have somewhere to go to read up on other issues...I felt pretty alone before then.

Hope you can help

Thanks, Donna

**A:** I suppose you could add a little sugar water to the formula, since corn syrup is basically just sugar.

I found this by doing a Google search on "substitute for karo syrup."

1 c Karo can be subbed with 1 c white sugar and 1/4 c hot water (cook it to dissolve in the water best you can get it to. depending on the recipe, if you need the sugar to be completely dissolved you might need to add a bit more water, but it probably doesn't matter if the sugar isn't completely dissolved).

**Q:** I don't even know where to begin. I have a two week old puppy that, in my eyes, if anything could go wrong with a puppy, it has happened to her. Her mother only had her, thank goodness. By the time she was three days old she had contracted some type of either bacterial or fungal infection of the skin on her abdomen, the vet wasn't sure. Either way, her skin was badly infected and rotting away. The vet gave me an antibiotic and skin cream. Two days later her left eye became swollen with infection, which forced the eye to open some so the infection could get out. I went back to the vet and go some eye drops. Two days later she became hypoglycemic and began to have seizures. Thanks to your web site, I was able to get that to stop. Now that all of that is under control, I have yet two more problems. I had been tube feeding her, but because I'm now having to go back to work my husband will be taking care of her and he isn't that comfortable with tube feeding, so we're now bottle feeding. SHE WON'T BURP!! It is so frustrating. I can work on her for an hour and not get her to burp one time, and what's so bad is I can hear the air inside of her stomach and her intestines. She is so hectic trying to look for more food that it takes her a while to settle down, then when she does settle down she falls asleep, but NO BURPS! The vet told me he is not as concerned with her burping as he is with her going to the bathroom. Which is my other problem, she has no problem urinating, but she is having a hard time with bowel movements. I think it's because of the antibiotic she's taking. Last night I finally got her to have a bowel movement, first one in 12 hours, and it was solid, not hard as a rock, but solid. I have been giving her a drop or two of infant gas medicine to help with the air

trapped inside her, but I don't want her body to become dependent on it. So, I'm coming to you again, you've helped me in the past, for some expert advice. How on earth can I get her to burp and do you know what I can give her as a natural laxative to help her with her bowel movements? I so appreciate any help you can give me. Thank you so very much.

Sincerely, Karrie

**A:** I don't get too worried about puppies burping after they are fed. I would make sure she is fully hydrated, as many times this is why puppies become constipated.

I would be adding a bit of water to her formula and if she still isn't passing stools regularly, ask your vet to show you how to give a bit of IV solution under the skin.

Q2: Thanks so much for responding. She is now constipated and still won't burp. She is not showing any signs of dehydration, but she is constipated. I think the antibiotic had something to do with it. The vet agreed with me and I have stopped giving it to her. I was feeding her the goats milk mixture on the Leerburg web site, but then got chastised by two of the vets at my vet office for using it and told to put the puppy on puppy replacement. They told me I should never feed any animal with another animals milk. So, I took her off the goats milk and put her on puppy replacement. The puppy replacement I'm using is in powdered form, so I have been adding more water just in case. She's gaining weight, but her stools are now very hard and it hurts for her to pass them. Any suggestions on what I can give her as a laxative? I read on another site about giving a constipated puppy Karo syrup to help. Any suggestions would be great. Thank you so very much.

Karrie

A: What? Look at the ingredients for the puppy milk replacer the vets sell (which is crap by the way) Do you honestly think it's dog milk??.... I never cease to be amazed at the stupidity of vets. Goat milk is the milk of choice when you need to supplement puppies.

Use our formula and add extra water. Karo syrup does nothing for constipation, it's just sugar.

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Dear Ed,

Hi, from small town Lobatse in Botswana, Southern Africa. Both my husband and I are ever so grateful to you and the Leerburg web site for having seen us through a difficult situation. Our dog, a cross between a Greyhound and a Doberman, littered on the 24th of November and there were ten puppies (seven male and three female). She had been a good mom until the day she died two weeks later due to snake bite and probably trying to protect her pups. We were so shocked and our immediate thought was that we will not be able to care for ten pups and that we should now call the SPCA and request them for help. But we tried giving them milk diluted with water the first day and it was an unsuccessful venture. So, off we started browsing the internet and came across your web site and the testimonial from so many people gave us the confidence to try out your home recipe with Evaporated milk and to our greatest surprise the pups took to it so well that we had no problem at all feeding the pups with two bottles. We even had to code them so that we would be able to feed all of them. All of the pups have survived, are healthy and well. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SHAR-ING THE RECIPE AND WE HAVE NOW EVEN SUGGESTED

#### IT TO OUR VET HERE AND SHALL PASS IT ON TO ALL OUR FRIENDS. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR ALL THE GOOD-NESS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR AHEAD.

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With all gratitude, Vimla

Q: My Border Collie whelped a litter of 7 beautiful puppies on 12/21/2007. Everything went well, all the puppies were nursing, no problems. One in particular no longer wanted to eat, and the others were beating him to the food. Took him to the vet, I felt he was a bit dehydrated. They gave him some dextrose and advised me he needed to be tube feed if he would not eat off the mom or bottle. Well, he fed great with the baby bottle, and started eating the following day off of mom. I was also giving him some Pedialyte w/ kayro syrup. I had also noticed he had a pimple around his mouth. I advised the vet and he said not to worry about it. On Monday I was going to the vet for a re-check, I advised the vet he had not passed a bowel since Friday evening. He said the pup needed an enema. (I regret that!) Well, he went poop, but after that he did not want to eat and was weak and just flat out didn't look good! To top it off later that evening he had a runny nose (clear)! I again asked the vet about the pimple(s) he advised me it was due to his bedding being dirty. Strange, he is alone and his bedding is not dirty! I think he is having an allergic reaction to the formula (Esbilac). I will be trying your formula but would really like your opinion about this pup. He will be 4 weeks old and looks like he is 1-2 weeks old. I feel like I am stuck and really want to help this puppy. I just don't feel I'm getting the advise or help from my vet. Thank you in advance for your response.

Sincerely,

NBS, Florida

**A:** I would definitely switch this pup to our formula but with that said, I think you need to find another vet. The issues that you are describing are medical and we are not vets.

Find a new vet and get a second opinion. Best of luck to you.

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**Q:** Your web site has been a dream come true for me and I want to thank you for making such valuable information available.

My dog gave birth to two pups on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2008, and she passed away this morning, Jan. 17. I am bottle feeding the pups, and started just today with your home-made formula. They are doing fine so far.

I'm writing to ask if you would consider coconut oil a good addition for their formula? It is a saturated fat, but it is comprised of medium chain fatty acids which are the best kind of fatty acid. Soy and vegetable oils are made of long chain fatty acids. More importantly, coconut oil is 55% to 60% lauric acid. The only other natural source for lauric acid is breast milk.

I have read about people using coconut oil in homemade puppy formula on the internet, but I wanted your opinion and advice. Also, if you think it would be beneficial to add, how much should I add? I don't know their weight other than to say they're tiny. The mother was a mixed breed, medium-sized dog and the father is also mixed breed and slightly larger, weighing approximately 50 to 60 lbs. Any advice you can give would be greatly appreciated. I'm determined to do everything in my power to see that these pups live and thrive in memory of their mother.

Thank you. Natisha Indianapolis, IN

**A:** I would not add coconut oil to any dog's food. I am not sure it would be harmful but dogs are carnivores and are made to process animal based foods.

I would use the formula as listed on the web site and if you feel the need to add something to the pups food as they get older use <u>Salmon Oil</u>.

Coconut oil is not appropriate for dogs.

**Q2:** Thank you, Ms. Rhodes. I have a question that I hope you can answer and that you don't mind my asking it.

The first batch of formula was made with no-fat plain yogurt. Otherwise, the ingredients were exactly as listed on the web site and the pups loved it. I couldn't get my hands on whole fat yogurt at that time and had to use what was available. The day of feeding this formula went well, but through the night, I noticed their stools became firmer, came less frequently and seemed to cause them discomfort in passing them. The next morning (yesterday), I was able to obtain whole fat yogurt and I made a new batch of formula following the directions precisely. After one whole day on that formula, one pup's stools seems to have softened somewhat, but the other pup's stools have become even more firm and he will pass only small bits at a time. Is there something I can do to alleviate this problem for him? Could it be that it will simply take a little longer for his stool to soften?

Thank you in advance for any advice you can give.

Natisha Indianapolis, IN

**A:** Add a bit of extra water to the formula for the pup that is having hard stools. I am not sure how much he takes at one time, since I don't know the size of the pup. For example if he was taking 10 cc of formula I would add 3-5 cc of extra water for a few feedings and see if that helps.

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Dear Ed,

We had a littler of puppies recently and one of the male babies became weak and would not nurse. I purchased commercial puppy formula and tried my best to feed this little guy. He would not suck on any kind of nipple I tried or, drink from an eye dropper. At that time I thought maybe I had waited too long to help him and he was simply to weak. He would barely swallow a few drops at a time.

I took him to our vet and he administered glucose under his skin which helped a little, but still the baby wouldn't drink the formula. I went to the feed store and bought a formula called Uni-Milk. The puppy would not take that either. The next thing that happened was he started having seizures. I knew he was going to die and felt desperate to help him.

For some reason I decided to get on the internet and searched "puppy formula". Up came your site, articles and your formula recipe. I read everything you wrote regarding puppies and went right to the store and bought all the ingredients to make your special formula. Got home, mixed it up, put it in the baby bottle and knew this was probably this baby's last chance. I couldn't believe what happened next. The first drop that the landed on the baby's tongue was like watching a miracle happen. All of the sudden he started sucking and moving his weak little self so he get more of this wonderful liquid he tasted. I could hardly believe the difference in the response of this puppy when he tasted that formula. It was wonderful to see!

I fed him as much as he would take, burped him and kept him warm. He looked like a little ball with legs when he finally got full each time. Every day he became a little stronger and now he his fine and has gone to a new home. He is smaller than the other puppies, but that's okay. He has quite a big personality!

Thank you so much for putting this puppy life saving information on the web. He would have died without it. I will share your information and web-site as often as I can to help other dog owners who may end up with a weak baby.

Thanks so much for your kindness and generosity.

Diane

**Q:** I have access to raw goat milk, and have a nice store frozen. I can get it chilled and not yet frozen, but only once or twice a month. Can I use either (or both) the defrosted or the chilled milk in the Recipe?

I raw feed, and all my dogs have this raw goat milk as part of their regular diet.

A: You can use both in the recipe.

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Ed,

We want to thank you so much for all of your wonderful info, especially your amazing puppy formula recipe. We recommend your site to novice breeders and dog owners we meet.

We have been raising Cockers for 6 years now and over time have tried every store, catalog and vet puppy formula out there. We even tried all the homemade ones. None worked until we found your with the specific ingredients to add and instructions on use. Especially the part about not diluting the goats milk.

In past years we have lost our share of little runt puppies using the other formulas, regardless of what we did to try and help. Your formula is the ultimate turn around for these little puppies. They love the taste and nurse eagerly and no loose stool.

After a week of using your wonderful formula we have a nice healthy puppy, that before I thought would be a goner.

Thank you so much for being a caring person to take the time to share with us your knowledge of dogs. God bless you, sir.

Your #1 Fan Brenda

#### Sunnyday Spaniels

Hello, my name is Kaity and my pitbull just had puppies. Some of them weren't doing so well and I didn't have the money to bring them to the vet so I started searching the internet and came across your page. The problem was we think the mother's milk went bad and they started getting hypoglycemic I guess you can say. I thought it was the end of them because they would not eat. At first I tried the Espilac but they hated it. So I tried just plain goats milk. Some of them took to it but others still weren't eating. I decided why not just try your recipe. And THANK YOU SO MUCH! I don't even know how to thank you enough. The puppies that were barely moving I gave the sugar water to and now they are healthy again. All of them love to eat now. One of them is already past the bottle and drinking out of a bowl. They just turned 3 weeks today and like I said thank you so much. You saved my puppies and my family from the stress of seeing them suffer. I really don't know how to thank you enough!

#### **Q:** Hi,

I have 4 rat terrier pups that are 2 days old. They were fussy and constantly nursing so I tried giving them some of your formula. They drink it right down and want more. I have read that you can overfeed so where the mom has some milk I gave them each 3 cc every 4 hours. How fast should I increase this? I was planning on 1cc a day. They all weigh 250 to 300gms. Last year I had to bottle feed but they let me know they were hungry by screaming a lot... these ones just whimper and nurse all the time. I have been putting chicken broth in her food as she will

not drink any on her own. For a 16 lb dog, how much can I safely add to her food?

Thanks so much for all you do for dog owners..you are a God Send! God Bless YOU! Rachel and Munchkin and the 4 puppies!

**A:** We feed a <u>raw, all-natural diet</u>. We increase our female's daily food ration by about 30% and we experiment with beef and/or chicken broth.

You should be taking your females temp every day. It is normally 101 to 102. If it goes above 103 you need to get her to a vet and get her on antibiotics.

I have not every worried about over feeding puppies. I also don't supplements when the mother will nurse – especially when they are good size, which yours are.

**Q:** Hi, I'm hand raising a 3 week old large. breed puppy. He is 3'7 oz and eats 4 oz of your replacement milk every 4 hours. After eating he cries and looks for more, even after burping. All I can find are daily minimums. What is the maximum I should feed him without over feeding him? Where do I find the daily maximum? It's not on your web site and I have been using your web site as my puppy bible. Thanks.

**A:** I don't believe we have a maximum feeding amount listed on the web page. At 3 weeks old he can start eating out of a flat dish and by 4 weeks you can start adding some raw ground beef or turkey. That should keep him satisfied longer. As long as he is gaining weight I don't know that I would give him a lot more per feeding. If he's drinking it really fast out of a bottle then his stomach probably just doesn't register that he is full yet. Feeding from a dish may help that.

You could also try feeding him every 3 to 3  $^{1\!\!/_2}$  hours and see if that doesn't help.

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I have a toy poodle that the momma decided she didn't want to have anything to do with, this was her second litter and the first time she was a real good momma but this time she just wasn't. She had four and I was able to save one. I went on your web site and I found your formula for puppies and mixed it up. My puppy is now four weeks old and is very strong. I took him to the vet last week and the vet gave him a clean bill of health. Thank you for putting your recipe online for everyone to be able to use.

Thank you, Donna

Hello,

I live in Australia and my American staffy had 12 puppies. At once we knew we would have to help her with the feeding, I came onto your web site and within 5 minutes of reading your puppy feeding page I knew we were in good hands my puppies are beautiful, had no problems with the feedings as they loved your formula. The one I kept is 22 weeks and 18.8 kgs not bad. So I wanted to write and thank you for your knowledge I would not hesitate again in coming to your web site for any info I might

need Thank You again. Here is a photo of 10 of the 12.

Thanks, Wendy



Dear Mr. Frawley,

First of all THANK YOU!! Our family found ourselves losing a beloved pet due to complications during delivery. We had five two-day old puppies with no mother and little to no breeding/raising experience. We consulted with our vet and purchased manufactured puppy formula. Within two days we were down to just two puppies. My children were devastated, so I started researching on the internet about raising orphan puppies. It was a true blessing to come across your web page. Your formula was amazing and the two remaining puppies thrived on it. Thank you again for taking the time to post all of your knowledge on your web site and making it accessible to us. Please find enclosed a photo of our 'babies' (whom we intend to keep) Precious is on the left and Bully is on the right. Thank You, Lisa



**Ed's Response:** Lisa

Your email and photo made my day. I'll add it to the page on bottle feeding. For the life of me I don't understand why Vets sell the crap they sell because it seldom helps.

You may want to consider a couple of my DVDs to guide you through your journey.

Your Puppy 8 Weeks to 8 Months Basic Dog Obedience

Good luck with those little guys. They sure are cute.

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Q: Hi. I have 4 fox/walker pups left left out of a litter of 10. 4 were still born, and the mother died a day after delivery. I started bottle feeding 6 the day after they were born and the littlest one died the same day. The next day I started them on your formula, but before I got a chance the 2nd littlest one died. So now the last 4 pups are 4 days old & are growing and doing good so far. Thank you for your formula. I just have a few questions. I have noticed from the beginning there are little sores on there feet, and they were bleeding a little. Right now the sores are still there and are scabbed in some spots and little holes in other areas. There are also a few scabs on there body. I give them a 2 little baths so far using just a water and a tiny amount of baby wash. I also change there box just about every time they eat. What is causing this, and how can i treat it? Also should I be giving them a bath once a day or less? I am so thankful for finding your web site and all the information it contains. I have never done this before and am learning as I go.

Best Regards, Krystal

A: I have seen this once or twice before, but these sores usually resolve on their own. I would not be bathing the pups, just keep an eye on the sores and if they get worse then a vet should be contacted. I do not know what causes this but it's probably some sort of immune response to something. As long as the pups are eating well and gaining weight, I wouldn't get too concerned right now.

I raise Rhodesian Ridgebacks and your formula recipe for three of my last litters and I really believe it saved the lives of my puppies. Unfortunately, I tried the stupid formula my vet recommended and it wasn't working. My husband (who is thankfully great at research) started researching formula recipes when the vet's formula wasn't working. We ran to the store to get the ingredients and while we were gone we lost one puppy. The good news is we were able to save the other two that were doing poorly. Both are happy and healthy and with their new families.

We recently had a litter and the mommy dog's uterus ruptured during labor. We saved her and five of her puppies. Unfortunately, she is not able to nurse them at all but they are doing very well (and getting very fat) on your formula.

I just wanted to say "thank you" for saving my puppies. We really appreciate the recipe and other helpful information you provide on your web site.

Susan

**Q:** My basset hound gave birth to seven puppies three days ago. They are all really healthy but the runt is still really small and only gains fractions of what the others are. The runt is only 10.5 ounces and was 9 ounces two days ago whereas the biggest puppy is already 20 oz and gained 3 ounces since yesterday which is how much the others gained as well, except the runt only gained 1 ounce. She stays on the teat as long as any of the others if not more. She is not dehydrated. She has no cleft palate. but just isn't gaining any weight so I have tried to start bottle feeding her but can't get her to take the bottle. I first tried the bottles they sell for puppies it seemed too small, she didn't try to suck on it at all. So I read on your site you use bottles made for babies. I tried 3 different

types of regular baby bottles newborn nipples Slow to fast nipples none of which I could get the puppy to nurse from I also tried to get some of the others to try to see if it was just her and she wasn't capable and I couldn't get them to at all. I tried rubbing the nipple of the bottle on the mothers nipple and making sure there was formula on the outside of the nipple neither works. I have bottle fed many puppies before I used to raise english bulldogs for my aunt and I have never had a problem getting them to latch on. What am I doing wrong? Do you know what I might try?

Thanks, Jessica

**A:** I've had good luck with a preemie nipple for puppies that didn't like regular newborn baby nipples. Are you using our formula or something you get from the vet? Most puppies really don't like Esbilac or the canned or powdered formulas commercially available.

If you can't get the pup to suck, then you may just have to tube feed her. It sounds like you know what you are doing and bottle feeding is best but sometimes the pup just won't cooperate.

Some puppies are slower to gain also, so at least your runt is gaining.... It takes them a while to get going in some cases.

If you are not using our recipe for the formula, I would suggest you try it. Most puppies that are reluctant to take a bottle love the taste of the goat milk formula.

Good luck to you!

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## Hello

I am so glad I found your site. You are god sent. My story is that a neighbor allowed her huge mastiff to get pregnant paid all the fees for stud service. Well on 07/21/08 this very large dog had pups not a clue what to do. Did not remove sacs nothing no cleaning. Just ran away. I have always supplemented with goats milk. These pups were not doing well at all, all dehydrated and looking terrible. Of course she took them to our lovely only large breed vet who said let them pass. She brought them back home and the goats milk was not cutting it as they were looking worse by the hour. We tried yours and all are doing well. They are a week old now, I know we are not out of the woods. But keeping them going for a week with no mom is a huge thanks to your formula. Thank you so much.

Kathy

**Q:** Dear Cindy,

I was very excited to find your site when searching for an alternate means to try to save this tiny baby Chihuahua that I was given. I do have a question about the formula though. You say it has 11 cals per cc but I only add up 1 cal per cc.(I used to be a nurse so I'm good with calculations) I got the canned goats milk as you recommended (450 cals) and the whole milk yogurt (170 cals) and with the egg yolk (80 cals) and the Karo syrup (20 cals) it comes to 720 cals. It makes 24 oz. of formula so that is 720 ml or cc. or, 1 cal per cc... What am I missing here? I am desperate to save this little darling, or at least try to. She was born deformed but I think she has a chance if I

can get her gaining more. She is gaining, but very slowly and you can see her coat isn't as glossy and she doesn't look as well as she should. I am tube feeding 1 cc per. oz. of body weight every 3-4 hours around the clock. She is pooping and peeing good and is very vigorous in her cries and movement. Please help.

A: If she isn't gaining enough, then the easiest thing is to increase the amount of formula at each feeding. I have found that tube fed pups don't look at good as bottle fed, it's always best to let them suck from a bottle if possible. It's also possible that since she is deformed there may be a metabolic issue going on that you can't see. Best of luck with her!

Cindy

## **Q:** Hi,

I have been raising french bulldog puppies from birth. they were born a week early and mom rejected them. Anyway I started using the esbilac but the were constipated and not gaining much, I found your recipe on formula and I am currently using it, The little guys loved and were drinking about 2 oz at a feeding. they now are barely taking an oz Am I doing something wrong or will they eat when they are hungry, This is only day 2 with your formula. They weigh 1lb 12oz. Any suggestions would greatly appreciated.

### Maggie

**A:** As long as they continue to gain weight then I would not be too concerned. Our formula is much richer than Esbilac. You need a scale that is capable of weighing in

grams to make sure you get sufficient weight gain.

According to our chart your pups should be eating about 1.5 ounces of formula 6 times per day at their current weight.

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Cindy

Q: Hello Mr. Frawley, I found your site after receiving a two week old rottweiler puppy from a friend. She is a runt whose mother tried to kill her twice because she was too little to nurse and she had 10 other pups. They told me they took her away at 4 days old and have been giving her 2% milk and she's still alive so far and she does not seem dehvdrated I did the lift the skin thing and it goes back down. Her eyes are not open yet like the other pups from the litter and she seems to be having a hard time pooping. Her stomach feels really hard and when she does after I stimulate her it seems to squirt out yellow. I am going first thing in the morning to buy all the ingredients to make her real food but I was wondering if there was anything I could do now until tomorrow. She is about 2Xs smaller than the rest of the liter and not even walking well or barking. If she lives she's mine and I'm already attached

Thank you, Brittiny

**A:** Feed this dog the bottle feeding formula I have in my web page – read about it.

The people who had the female were dumb.

Q2: Mr. Frawley, I wanted to thank you for your formula

and your advice. I've only had her a week now but she has almost doubled her weight from 14oz. to 1 lb. 8 oz. now and doubled her eating habits. Her eyes are open and she is growing like a weed. So thank you, if it weren't for your formula I don't think she would of made it. Now a question, when would be a good time to deworm her? I know you're suppose to when they are young but I wasn't sure if I should yet since she isn't even 5 lbs. Thanks!!! I attached two pictures. The first one is when I first got her and the second is a week later.

Brittiny



A: Take a stool sample to the vet and have it analyzed. We only worm our puppies as needed. Many people give medicines that dogs really don't need, so we recommend only worming as needed and use the appropriate medication according to what type of worm the pup may have.

Thanks for sending the photos, that's a cute pup! I wish you the best.

Cindy

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# Q: Hi Ed,

I want to start by thanking you for all of the helpful info on your site. About 12 days ago, I was out to lunch with friends and heard crying. I looked in the garbage and there were four puppies and a dead mother. I presume someone threw them all there once the mother died. I had no idea how to care for the dogs and was over two hours from home, so I took one of the puppies (in retrospect I wish I would have taken all of them, but I didn't know how to care for them and thought they were going to die anyway). I started by dripping water and cow's milk on my finger for her to eat and when I got home I looked and found your formula. It has been a Godsend! She seems to love it and is thriving. The only down side is that she seems to be getting more and more constipated. It's hard to say if it's the formula or not because I can't follow it exactly. I live in Beijing, and evaporated milk is hard to come by. I've used tetra brick milk instead (it's more than pasteurized, so I was hoping it would be o.k. and hasn't caused any problems yet). Also, she is being passed around guite a bit because I work during the day, and I can't be sure that the "sitters" are as patient as I am when getting her to poop. At any rate, she only goes once every two or three feedings and they are often hard or at least formed. I have just added water to the formula, but wanted to know if there is any other way I should modify it. Is there any possibility that she is getting too much calcium?

Thank you so much, Rebecca

**A:** Add more water (distilled if possible) to the formula to help with constipation. You just need to experiment.

It is amazing that people can be so cruel.

Kind Regards, Ed Frawley

Hello

My name is kathy and I wrote you about the mastiffs born in July 2008. Here is the proof your formula really works and does well. All the pups have made it and now have homes but have not left yet. All are over 15lbs. I have since found these guys a new vet and this vet from Battle Ground Washington stated " For being hand fed they are the healthiest pups he has ever seen." He will be contacting you soon to get exact particulars on recipe. As he said he would think this is healthier choice for pups. Use any of the photos you like as this is the very best ever.

Kathy



Firstly let me say thank you very much for your web site I've just taken on 6 pups of unknown age after someone in Cyprus dumped them without their Mum. Fortunately

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they were found by a dog sanctuary and now I'm feeding them your fantastic formula. They're much more keen on this than diluted evaporated milk, and have no problems with pooping - but you'll know this.

I just wanted to say thank you for your web site, which I poured over for the 12 hours prior to receiving these pups, although I still panic that they're going to be dead whenever I approach the box, if it wasn't for your web site I wouldn't have a clue. I'm only feeding these pups for 2 weeks and then they move onto another care giver.

The pups don't have their eyes open yet and need help to wee and poo, so I'm assuming they're below 2 weeks old. Such a shame - but I have to think that whoever found them, might have taken them away from their mum inadvertently! Any advice you can give me that isn't on your web site would be appreciated.

Thank you again. Emma

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Hi Cindy,

A couple years ago I had to hand raise three corgi pups that were delivered emergency c section a week early.

These pups barely had hair on their bodies and I hand raised the three pups on the puppy formula that is recommended by Leerburg Kennels.

I never took the time to thank you guys for such a GREAT recipe....I am now anxiously awaiting a litter of corgi pups (from a different bitch)...but got the recipe out JUST IN CASE and thought I should write and thank you for your

help through cyber space!!!!

Sincerely, Lisa

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Q: Hi Cindy,

I am hoping you can help me... On your bottle feeding recipe you have goats milk. The only one I can find and fed to my sick pup is Evaporated, should I dilute it? she has gotten worse and was wondering if this is a problem?

Thanks in advance, Terri

**A:** Reconstitute the milk according to the directions on the can. Sometimes if there isn't enough water in the formula the pups can become dehydrated or constipated.

Cindy

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Q: Hi Cindy....

I was wanting to know if it is ok to freeze the puppy formula posted on your web site.

I appreciate your help!

Holly

**A:** It's always better to make it up fresh if you can, but we have frozen it and then used it later.

Cindy

My husband and I would like to thank Leerburg Kennels for the recipe for your formula.

Our Chesapeake bay retriever had ten pups. She had been sold to us pregnant without our knowledge. It was a surprise, but our utmost concern was for her and the pups. We had lost 4 and looked like we were losing another. We belong to Gulf Coast Bull Terrier Club and exhausted their formulas, the vets formula and everything I could find. In desperation with 24 hours of no sleep, I found your formula online. We can never thank you enough!!

Within three feedings, our fading runt was stronger, active and nursing like a champ. We will continue to supplement her feedings with the Leerburg formula. I have passed this on to our club members for their use in the next litters. I can't tell you how much a difference it has made to us . Thank you again for generously making a miracle formula available to everyone for free.

Ed:

First I want to say thanks. I have been using your formula for a week now for 11 orphan puppies (Rotty mixes) that were dropped off at our local animal shelter at 2 days old. I started off using formula for goats that the animal shelter had. The puppies seemed to be eating constantly and never getting satisfied and always watery bowels. The puppies feet and bellies were actually getting burned from the bowel mess. I switched over to your formula about a week ago and their bowels have solidified and slowed way down. Thank you!! I must say I do not have a kitchen scale so I don't know what they weighed coming in nor what they weigh now. The runt is no longer the runt though, she has managed to pass up two other puppies now. The concern I have is they are now 17 days old and growing fast. Eight of the eleven are now up to 3-4 ounces every 3-4 hours, but they don't seem to be satisfied. They will eat more if I let them but then they look so bloated and miserable. If I just stop at 3-4 ounces, they are whining and rooting for their bottle at about 2-2 1/2 hours. Should I be feeding more or just more often than 3-4 hours? I have also noticed round worms in one of the female's tubs. I have never wormed puppies before 6 weeks of age; can they be wormed now or do I have to wait until they are 6 weeks?

Thank you and GOD bless!!!

MB Florida

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Q: Hi Ed and Cindy,

Just wondering your opinion and advice on this unfortunate situation:

My aunt's 3 year old black lab, Kaley, gave birth to nine puppies on October 5th. Eight of the pups are thriving and healthy, but one is incredibly small and having frightening episodes where she stiffens up.

At day 4, she weighed 400 grams. Now at day 19, she is a mere 750 grams.

She will no longer nurse from her mother on her own. She

fed normally the first 2 days. We put her on solo, and she hangs on for awhile, but either gives up and falls off, or falls asleep on Kaley's teat. We've been bottle feeding her, trying a THOUSAND different pet bottles and infant bottles as well as a variety of nipples, but she usually only eats a tiny bit (1 tablespoon at a sitting). She SEEMS hungry and continues looking for the nipple furiously after she falls off, but in the end, she just doesn't consume much. A handful of times she HAS had 3 tablespoons.

She has seizures, or "episodes" as we call them. We noticed the first one when she was 3 days old, and now at day 19, they are becoming more and more frequent. They are INCREDIBLY frightening...this is what happens:

All of a sudden we'll hear a loud scream, and there she'll be, in the whelping box, stiff as a board, arms & legs & tongue sticking out. We rub her belly & back and keep her warm, and within 30 seconds her body releases this "stiffness" and she becomes extremely limp. She foams a bit from the mouth (this is a new symptom--she didn't foam until about day 14), but within another minute, she gets a burst of energy and starts making normal puppy noises and runs all over the place--however, she seems a little disoriented.

Usually when these seizures happen, she urinates and defecates at the same time, or one after the other. At first we thought maybe she's constipated or has a bladder/kidney problem, but our vet told us it's just a bodily function reacting to the seizure.

Last night (day 18), was extremely frightening because after she had one of these episodes, she not only foamed at the mouth, but puked up some of the Esbilac we had fed her an hour before. Some even came out her nose. We are EXTREMELY careful when we bottle feed her that none gets into her nose. She had difficultly breathing and we did our best to get all the fluid out of her nostrils. They appear to be clear now and it's amazing she is still with us.

When she was 3 days old, we took her to the emergency vet and he said it was too early to tell what was going on, but he thought it was possible hypoglycemia. He took all her vitals and said they were all normal: temperature, heart beat, etc. We had thought maybe she was constipated because she made straining noises when she tried to poop, but he said her stomach and bowels were fine. He recommended putting some karo syrup either directly on her gums or on the nipple of the bottle before we fed her. We did this, and it definitely enticed her to eat. He also gave her some fluids under the skin which immediately gave her a surge of life, and he did not think she fell under the category of "fading puppy syndrome." Needless to say, this visit made us hopeful.

Yesterday, day 18, we took her to our regular vet once again. All her vitals were normal, and of course, as timing would have it, she did not have one of her "episodes" while at the vet for him to see. He told us that he did not see this puppy living much longer. (We suspected he'd say this.) He didn't know what the problem was, but suspects it's metabolic or liver related. He told us to keep doing everything we're doing, and to get the pup to latch on to Kaley as much as we possibly can. He said he'd be surprised if she made it longer than 5 weeks old. At this point, we were wondering, is there such thing as euthanasia for an 18 day old pup? However, we did not ask him because we figured he would have offered it if he thought it was what needed to be done.

What's frustrating is that we're told she's going to die without any explanation. We understand this can happen

when you have a litter... but we have searched high and low (in books and on the web), contacted other breeders and veterinarians, and NO ONE has seen or heard anything about these seizures our little girl is having! Everything we've read says labradors DO get epilepsy, but not until at least a year of age. She is having them more & more, and each time, she seems in so much pain--it's heartbreaking. Yet she comes out of it EVERY TIME. We don't know whether to continue picking her up and rubbing her each time one happens, or if we should let her be, or if we are making things worse by continually trying to get her to eat (on the bottle and on Kaley). We want to do what's best for her but there is just no clear answer! We want her to live, of course, but not at the expense of her suffering. She is now having these episodes at least every two hours.

We are just looking to hear from anyone who has every bred puppies and had any similar symptoms...and what their advice is on the best course of action. We're absolutely devastated and just unsure we're doing what's in her best interest.

Thanks so much for reading through this--l apologize for it's length.

#### Lauren

A: We haven't had anything like this happen in any of our litters so I can't really give any great advice. I do know that seizures can be caused by trauma as well as being genetic. With small puppies it's really not unheard of for them to be stepped on or even be injured during the birth process.

I would continue with karo syrup and fluids under the skin, because to me this sounds like hypoglycemia (if

these episodes are not the result of an injury).

I would also be using our formula, if you are using the stuff sold at the vet. It's more readily accepted by puppies and they seem to thrive on it.

I'm sorry I am not more help; I hope this all works out.

Cindy

R: Hi Cindy,

Thanks for responding. Luckily I have Trader Joe grocery stores relatively close by because I couldn't find goat milk ANYWHERE else! Thank goodness Trader Joe's had it.

The pup IMMEDIATELY took to this formula. Two days ago she was anywhere from 690-715 grams, but now I'm happy to say she's about 875 grams! At first we were feeding her every 3 or 4 hours, and she was doing much better. Still having the seizures--yet they were not lasting NEARLY as long. I have friends with low blood sugar, and they're constantly snacking. So I decided to to try and give her some formula every hour or so (just a small amount, about 1/2 or 2/3 a tablespoon) and apply karo syrup to her gums & tongue. I started this at about 2pm today--it's now over 10 hours later and she has not had a seizure! She also has peed 4 or 5 times on her own (normally she only peed while having a seizure).

I'm not getting my hopes up too high and I don't want to jinx anything... but I am thrilled she is doing better.

Thank you so much for your homemade formula. There's no doubt in my mind it's the reason she's doing so well now.

Thanks again.

Lauren

**Q:** Hey my dog is a dad of a litter of 16 but 5 died.. and the mother is really sick, I took five of her pups, and left six of her pups for her to raise, but we are afraid she has internal bleeding... should I take the rest of them and raise them as orphans like I am doing with the five of them?

Thank you for your time... Tina

**A:** Take your female to a Vet. Her temp should be under 103°F – if its higher than that she needs to be on Antibiotics or she could die

Feed the pups that you take my home made bottle feeding formula.

Kind Regards, Ed

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**Q:** Hi,

I have a question about the formula. I already bought the Hartz milk replacement powder for puppies. If I use that as my BASE, should I do 10 oz powder & 3 oz water? OR do I follow their (Hartz) formula which is 1 part powder, 2 parts water? I am nursing 5 chihuahua puppies, 3 weeks old tomorrow. Actually, I am helping the mother nurse, we are taking turns, her calcium is low. Thank you. Stephanie

**A:** We don't use or recommend Hartz formula, so I can't give you directions on how to use that. If that's what you plan on using then you should follow the instructions on that.

I would recommend our bottle feeding formula instead of the powder. It's much better for the puppies. In my experience, the ingredients of the formula powders you buy from the store or from the vet are NOT appropriate for puppies. Many puppies don't like it and/or don't do well on it. If you are going to take the time and put the effort into feeding them it only makes sense to use something that they thrive on.

Cindy

Q: Hi,

I am supplementing a litter of five Great Pyrenees puppies. They are three days old. I started them on your formula when I lost one puppy and three others were showing signs of hypoglycemia at 36 hours old. After using a little karo on the tongue and starting them on your formula they are doing much better. Mom has had several litters before and never had a problem so I wasn't expecting this. Since she is a good mom I am letting her take care of them and just feeding every 3-4 hours. One puppy is not gaining like the other puppies. I am feeding the amount recommended on your web page. Should I just increase the amount I am giving? How much should I expect them to gain a day, they weigh between 11 oz. and 15 oz.? Also 2 of the puppies have problems with milk coming out their nose sometimes when I feed them. I have checked the nipple and it hardly drips when turned upside down. Do you think the hole may be too large? I am going to try buying new nipples tomorrow because these nipples are older and pretty soft. The pups just sneeze a few times and then seem fine but it concerns me that they might get it in their lungs. They love the formula and slurp it down. They know as soon as I pick them up they are going to EAT!

Thanks for your wonderful site. It has been a great help to me!

Jacquelynn

A: Have you checked the puppies for a cleft palate? It's unusual for milk to come out of the nose. If the palates are OK, then try the different nipple for the pups. Preemie human infant nipples seem to work the best.

We weigh our pups with a gram scale, and as long as they are gaining I don't get too worried. Some take a while to pick up weight. Weighing in ounces is too vague to judge how the pup is doing. We use this Digital Bowl Scale.

Cindy

Thank You for providing such important information on bottle feeding newborn puppies. If it weren't for your site, I would be lost! Within 2 days we unexpectedly acquired a brand new pup, and thanks to the lady giving them away we got your web site address and formula recipe to feed our new arrival. If it weren't for your site I wouldn't have known to keep him warm or to rub his anal area with cotton, all very important in his very young age. Today
he is 7 days old and I'm still quite nervous just as a new mom should be. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness to provide free information that is crucial to the upbringing of a new dog.

Ruthie

Dear Ed,

I just had to write you and tell you THANK YOU!!! We took in an abused Rotty who was around 9 to 10 months old and unknown to us pregnant. She just delivered after having her for 2 months, but she is so young and was very anxious. She had 11 pups, 2 were dead at birth, then we lost 2 more, then 4 more until we were down to 3. We pulled those 3 out and watched her with them closely and she was picking them up with the whole head in her mouth and stepping and sitting on them. Long story short we took the last 3 away from her and before we could even start the bottle feeding we lost another, so we are down to 2. I went and bought (a waste of money and time) the powder formula and they did not want to eat and was fight us during the feedings and it was horrible. I then got on the net and found your web site, what a blessing. I made the formula today and I have never seen 2 pups sucking so hard on those bottles and before you had to coach them to get anything in them. No whimpering with your formula, they ate and went right to sleep. We are so so appreciative to you and your web site I will update you on the pups, but once again THANK YOU from all of us.

Martha Alabama **Q:** Hi,

First off I want to say THANK YOU! your formula has done wonders. My female chihuahua had 7 puppies on December 26th, 2008. My female then went to the Emergency vet for a real bad infection. 2 days later we got her back and she is now taking antibiotics for 14 days.

I was told that we must bottle feed the puppies for the next 4 to 6 weeks. I purchased puppy formula from the store and pups didn't take..... I came across your web site went straight to the store and purchased all the ingredients. They have been on your formula for 17 days now and they have grown right before our eyes. They love your formula.

I have been using evaporated milk since day one but today I bought goat milk thinking it would be cheaper and possibly last longer. After reading your bottle feeding recipe it states non "pasteurized" cows milk. Looking at the bottle of the goat milk it does say pasteurized is that ok? please let me know as soon as you can. I already made it up and it's ready to go but I don't want to harm the puppies.

Thank you for your time. Frank

**A:** Pasteurized goat milk is fine. I don't know that it's possible to find un-pasteurized goat milk in most stores.

Continued success with your pups!

Cindy

**R:** Thank you Cindy! I really appreciate the fast response. If the puppies could talk I know they would be thanking you as well..... you saved their lives with the formula.

Frank

**Q:** Hi again Cindy .... I have another question/concern. The pups tend to suck on each other quite a bit especially when it gets to feeding time. We try to stop it as much as possible and even separate them at times but there are 13 pups and isolating all of them can be a challenge. Is this behavior ok? They are ingesting urine at times and are getting wet with it as well. We are washing them frequently but we are worried they could be getting hurt by the sucking and also by ingesting it. What do you suggest? Is there a product that can be put on them to discourage this?

## John

A: This happens with hand reared pups sometimes. Are you weighing them daily and they are all gaining? It's like babies with a pacifier, they have a strong suck reflex and if they don't have mom to nurse from, they will nurse on anything close by. I'd separate them as much as you can and possibly add another feeding into the schedule.

There isn't really anything safe to put on puppies, it's just something you'll have to get them through as best you can. Maybe give them some stuffed animals in between them, something non toxic and safe for them to put in their mouths. As their eyes open and the become more active this behavior should fade. Cindy

Ed,

I just wanted to tell you about my success story. I've written you a couple of times, and you graciously wrote me back. In the past when I was breeding Labrador Retrievers if I had to supplement I always used a human bottle and it worked fine. Well I decided to switch breeds, to Chihuahuas and I had a litter that was early by about 7 days and only one pup is still alive. Well I don't know how to tube feed, although after this experience I might have to learn how, so I decided to bottle feed her. We went to the pet store because she was so little and bought the smallest sized nipples that they had. Well we just couldn't get her to get good suction on it, so I continued to search. I couldn't find anything that was in between the pet store small size and the human size, that was until today. I went to my local Target, and after searching the shelves I finally found what I was looking for. The brand of bottle is Gerber and it came with a latex nipple which was for 0 months. Its small and clear and says on the front reduces colic. When it came time to feed her I put it up to her mouth with your formula and she just went to town. I couldn't believe how well she did. After I was done I weighed her and for the first time in I don't know how long she gained a whopping 1/8th ounce. Any how normally I wouldn't write and tell you this, but I thought should someone call you in need of a bottle for a small breed dog such as my chihuahua pup you would be armed with this info. And of course to thank you for your support once again. You are a true gift to the dog community. I still say that if a few more breeders were like you things would be so much more simple. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Bonnie

Dear Mr. Frawley,

I just wanted to send out a not of thanks! When our Pomeranian gave birth, I know something was wrong with "Uno" right away. While the others instinctively wiggled over to mom for the first feedings, "Uno" didn't do anything. I was beside myself with worry. We had lost a puppy. Large and healthy, from being in the birth canal too long.

Here we were with this tiny pup weighing in at just over 3 oz. I was sure she was next. I sent my husband running to the store for bottles and formula. We started to feed her right away. SHE DIDN'T GAIN ANYTHING FOR 3 LONG DAYS! I was up at night searching for information when I came upon your site. I left in the middle of the night for the ingredients. She drank the new formula and I saw a difference immediately. Her lethargy vanished and she began to gain. She is happy and healthy and doing fine. I am sure you get letters like this all of the time but I couldn't let you not know what a difference you made to her and let you know how much appreciation we feel!

Sincerely, Phyllis



Q: My boxer puppy is 3 weeks old. I have been bottle feeding him for 1 week using the leerburg formula. Not only does he seem to love it, he seems to be a very healthy and alert puppy, especially for 3 weeks. I took him to a vet for the first time. The vet asked what I was feeding him, I told him the exact ingredients etc. He boldly stated that he had never heard of it and knew nothing about the formula, and the best thing to feed him was the formulas you get from the pet store. He said they have all the vitamins, etc. a puppy needs. Not being a doctor or a nutritionist I had no rebuttal to his statement. I would like to know if there is any kind of documentation proving that the Leerburg formula is better than the formulas you buy at the pet stores. I want the best for my pup, but I am not an expert and right now all I have is a vet telling me to use an off the shelf product. I really believe the Leerburg formula is better but I need something other than a fat, healthy, little puppy. So down the road if there were any problems, my know it all vet can't say "I told you not to feed that formula to your puppy." Thank you for all your helpful articles, I don't know what I'd do without them. I

also must say I'd love to be able to put the vet in his place and let him know that school for a doctor should never be limited to what was taught in the classroom. If you never heard of something maybe you better look into it. I'm sure at one time all the people using wooden wheels never heard of rubber.

Thank you.

A: I am always impressed with KNOW-IT-ALL vets. The depth of their training, or lack thereof, spills out of their mouths when they make stupid statements like this fool did. In fact I will add this email to the web page I did on stupid vets.

If you want to know the difference in this formula and his "pet store" garbage - read the many testimonials on the bottle feeding page. Look at the ones where people's pups were dying with that crap and how the pups bounced back after switching.

To be honest I can't imagine anyone looking at the ingredients in this formula and not seeing that even on the listed ingredients that this is better - much less how the pups think about it and the weight they gain on it.

If you want to risk your pups life you can prove this by switching.

Do me favor - print this out and send it to this Vet. He can thank his lucky stars that you never send his name and address.

Kind Regards, Ed Frawley

T: Well after one week or less with the the wonderful

formula at Leerburg Kennels, and the right nipple this is what you get. A satisfied, happy little chunker. And I owe this success to my daughter who helped me take care of her, and of course most of the credit goes to Leerburg Kennels, Ed Frawley. Were just so excited that what started out to be a tragedy ended up being a miracle.

Best wishes, Bonnie



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Ok so you're sick of me, but I had to give you the latest update on a puppy that you and your formula helped save. Today she just started nursing off of Mom. I'm so excited I can't tell you. Never in my wildest dreams did I think we could have such a great outcome. Thank you once again for helping me in my time of need.

Bonnie

Dear Leerburg Family,

We are so glad we came across your web site, which is chock full of valuable information!! Our Golden Retriever had to have an emergency C-section on Monday afternoon (we brought home 10 beautiful pups!!), but was lethargic and unresponsive to the pups that evening and into the first few days. We struggled and struggled to feed the pups with the powdered formula to no avail.

We came across your web site after many searches (and they just didn't 'feel' right) and yours just spoke to us to tell us exactly what to do for our pups.

We started the formula you provided right away (as soon as I read your web site information...I rushed to the store!!), using the Playtex bottles because we also found that the 'pet store bottles' are inadequate and not AT ALL shaped like mommas teats. The pups are happy and content and mom is coming around and beginning to mother them more and more. She is building up her strength while we are feeding the pups occasionally and she is able to produce more milk each day for them.

The chicken broth for mom saved the day!! She would not drink plain water, but happily lapped up the chicken broth (which we did water down some...but she loved it all the same).

All the information provided on your web site helped us know exactly what to do...the stress of trying to feed the pups with the bottles and powdered formula we brought home from the vet were eliminated. If anyone is able to read this... please, please do not hesitate to go out and buy the goats milk and other supplies to make your pups healthy and happy! It was no struggle at all to get them to eat and I just know they will become big, happy, healthy puppies!

Thanks so much and I will keep you posted in a few weeks when we are chasing after 10 bounding Golden pups!

Sincerely, Brenda and David Rowlett, TX

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April 16, 2009

Your formula saved a cleft palate puppy I had in my litter last year. Today she is a vibrant, very intelligent French Bulldog and the light of my Mothers life. I have shared your web site with dozens of people. Thank you.

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June 12, 2009

I have tried two home-made recipes and puppy milk replacer and even infant formula in the last two days. I have 7 pups with a mom who never got milk so they are on bottles since birth. They are now two days old and after two sleepless nights trying to get them to actually eat something, I stumbled onto your site during a search for what to do when a puppy won't drink.

This feeding, I actually went through TWO bottles of your formula, each puppy drinking about 2 ounces or so. They acted as if they were starving, and I didn't have to force them to keep the nipple in their mouth. The most they would drink before is maybe two tablespoons and I just knew they were going to be dead by morning. They are right now sleeping peacefully, not crying out or twitching. I'm actually starting to have hope.

Thank you, Kim

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Dear Mr. Frawley

I fell upon this web site a few weeks before my saint bernard was due to have pups. I was in preparation in case we had a runt. I didn't want to lose any. When the day finally came, to my happy surprise my girl had eleven healthy puppies. Just three days later I realized they weren't getting enough to eat from mom and they were getting very weak and I actually came fearfully close to losing one. I hurried to the store and got the ingredients for your recipe and whipped it up. I could never have believed that they would go that nuts over it. I couldn't even force them to eat that store bought milk. I promise you that your recipe saved my puppy's life. My husband tells everyone of your recipe. He says its like miracle grow for pups. I thank you so much for sharing your diet

God bless, Sharon



Dear Ed,

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I am sure that you receive emails like mine all the time but I really wanted to just say THANK YOU!! I had a litter of 5 puppies (schnoodles) born on June 15th. Mom's 4th litter. All seemed to be going well the first day but by the second day I could see that the puppies appeared to be failing. I bottled them with commercial puppy formula the first night and I think that actually pulled them thru the night but the next morning I went and got all the ingredients for your homemade puppy formula. They loved it!!! I have been bottle feeding all five exclusively for the past 2 weeks 5 days and they are all doing awesome. On the first day I was hoping to at least pull 2 of them thru this never dreaming that all 5 would thrive they way they have. They ranged in weight from 4 oz to 6 oz and as of yesterday they are now 1.3 lbs and 14 oz. Amazing!!! I tell everyone what a miracle your formula is and I and their future families will be forever grateful.

Thank you again!! Colleen

Mr. Frawley,

I want to say thank you so much for putting your puppy formula online! My mother inherited a chihuahua about a month ago who was pregnant. The dog ended up having a c-section done on 21 August and promptly refused to have anything with her first & only puppy. I ended up taking the puppy from her, spent over \$100 on tiny bottles and formula and came home to start my mission nursing the puppy (Gremlin) to health. Gremlin aspirated with the tiny bottles and HATED the three different formulas that I tried to feed her. Exhausted and worried to death, I scoured the internet looking for anything that might possibly work. Your website was the first one that came up and, after reading all the glowing praises, decided that I would try it out for myself. Gremlin immediately latched onto the (human!) baby bottle and gobbled up your formula!!! I swear it's like crack for puppies! She goes absolutely insane for her bottle now and it makes me want to cry with happiness! I've had her from the time she was 12 hours old until today (She's 10 days now) and she is steadily putting on weight. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart. You've saved my family from a terrible heartbreak. You truly are a life saver.

Julia Columbia, SC

Thanks so much for you products. I used your goat milk recipe to feed my puppy that was given to me at 12 days old, it was the only thing he would eat, he did great on it, thanks again!

Bethany

Hi. Just wanted to send a quick email to let you know how helpful your puppy formula recipe and bottle feeding tips have been. I volunteered to help a rescue with a litter of pitbull puppies that were brought in and surrendered at only 3 days old, and the little girl I took home was having a hard time latching on to the small Hertz bottle and didn't seem to like the powdered formula. So, today I bought a baby bottle and made the milk replacer you have on your website and it was SUCH a difference! The baby girl latched on to the new bottle easily, and ate twice as much and is so much more content. I'm so glad I found your website, and that you have provided so much great information- I'm 100% sure it is going to make all the difference in the health of this little girl.

Sandy

Hi! I just wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart for posting your puppy milk replacement formula recipe on your site. It has literally been a life saver! Our Boxer gave birth to 9 beautiful babies, but simply could not produce enough milk for them all. None were gaining in size and weight... Then I came across your site. Since starting them on the formula just over a week ago they have nearly doubled in size and weight. They are thriving now!!

It was no problem at all getting them to take this formula. They literally go into a frenzy when they smell the bottle now.

Thank you again, really. Words just can't say enough!!

Sarah

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Good evening -

I just wanted to add my thanks to the many testimonials you have received about your puppy formula. After being informed by the vet that because of the antibiotics our bitch needed to take after her emergency c-section, I found myself bottle feeding 7 lab pups. I purchased bottles and Esbilac from Petco, and tried to get enough formula into the pups to make a difference.

They hated it - our one female in particular. After three days with small gains, she started to lose weight, and I knew I had to find something else. Luckily, I found your recipe.

After a disappointing trek to Walmart (ours does NOT carry goat milk!) I stopped at our Trader Joe's where I found not only fresh goat milk, but goat milk yogurt, too! We've now been cleaning out their supply on a regular basis...

The puppies LOVE the formula and have thrived in the two weeks since they've been on it - with one exception. One pup also eats well and loves the formula, but he has not gained as much weight as the others and a few days ago started to have really soft stools - it looked like yellow soft serve ice cream (yuck!) at first, and has gradually gotten looser. He's only 2 1/2 weeks old... Should I be concerned about guardia, coccidia or worms? The dam still takes care of the puppies after I feed them, so perhaps she has transferred something to this puppy? What do you think?

Thank you for your formula - and any help you could provide with our little guy.

-- May

I just wanted to say something that I know you have heard repeatedly - but it must be said again.... your formula is a lifesaver! I have a mama dog that got hit by a car, and while she recovers, I am supplementing with your formula. The puppies LOVE it. They refuse the puppy milk

replacer, but your formula they snarf down like nobody's business! I got pretty lucky actually, because I had a ton of Playtex Nursers from when my son was little, and a ton of the disposable inserts. However, the only nipples that I had were slow, and fast. I tried the hot needle thing, but I found that all it did was either still not let enough out, or let too much out, and it was impossible to keep the air out of the bottle once it was all pushed out because all those holes allowed it to come right back in. I couldn't seem to find a happy medium, not to mention poking holes in nipples compromises their quality. But, I did find a solution, a very easy, safe, and inexpensive solution: Tri-Cut nipples. Playtex makes Tri-Cut nipples for cereal, but they work PERFECTLY for nursing puppies! They let out JUST the right amount, and once you squeeze all the air out of the nurser, the tri-cut nipples do not allow it to get back in, allowing you to nurse holding the bottle at any angle. I found that with air in the bottle, if I accidentally tilted the bottle just right, the pups would be sucking air. And seeing as how I tend to doze during midnight feedings, no air in the bottle is a must. I just wanted to share that information with anyone who needed it, because I was having trouble getting the nipple flow just right. Thank you so much for putting the information you have on the internet. I have bottle fed many animals, but this is my first litter of puppies! Have a good one!

Rheanna

Hi Ed and Cindy,

First I wanted to thank you for your puppy formula, I work with a rescue group and recently was in dire need of it. I had been fostering a 2 month old puppy named Blossom when I received Juno, a pregnant 8 month old lab

pointer mix. Although Blossom was vaccinated for Parvo she somehow caught it and despite the vet's best efforts she did not make it. Because Juno had been pregnant she had not been vaccinated and had a litter of 8 puppies by the time Blossom passed. Although I had kept them in opposite ends of the house, when the litter reached 14 days old, Juno came down with Parvo and we lost the first puppy. We rushed her and the remaining 7 puppies to the vet and they admitted Juno but sent me home with 7 puppies to bottle feed and a small can of Esbilac. The puppies refused to eat almost the entire night and we went back and forth to the drug store until we found just the right bottles. By morning I had 2 puppies that still weren't eating and the other were only eating 10ml every 4 hours at best. I took the 2 puppies that hadn't eaten at all to the vet so that they could show me how to tube feed them and give me the supplies to do so. Instead they admitted them and I found out later they were put to sleep as lost causes and because I am only a foster parent I had no say in their treatment. Since then you will never find me handing a puppy over to a vet. I came across your formula and the 5 pups left are now 19 days old and eating like there is no tomorrow. They are all steadily gaining weight as we weigh them daily and have since day one. Since I often end up with foster kittens I was hoping it would work for them as well. We have received Juno back home on medication but were told not to allow her to nurse because she is extremely thin from her ordeal and on antibiotics. The pups are beginning to sound like they have a little chest congestion and runny noses so I was wondering what your experience has been with antibiotics. I have doxycycline and amoxicillin and can get clavamox but I am very afraid that if I take them to the vet they too will be put down. I am home 24 hours a day and am willing to do whatever I need to in order to help these puppies. I realize you are not a vet, but I was hoping you has some experience in the area and knew what medications may be safe for these guys. They are 19 days old and weigh close to 2 pounds with the exception of one who is about 1 pound 4 ounces. And again thank you, your site has helped me greatly in my quest to help the dogs that others would not have and to understand the workings of mum and pup a like.

Sincerely, Desiree



## Dear Ed,

First & formost, I want to thank you so much for having all this wonderul information on your site. Our Peek-a-Pug had a litter of 8 puppies on 11/21, unfortunately we lost one in birth. This was a complete shock to me to come that early, as we had a planned c-section for 11/27. We went to the vet for a check up & he was amazed she had so many, since she looks so much like a pug & was bred by a full pug, typical litter is 3 to 4. 9 days later I still have this little one we have been paying so much attention to, giving it mommy & me time & pulling the rest of the litter away, but still so tiny. Our vet suggested bottle feeding, so off we go to buy the items needed. Not only was the first born formula expensive, the puppy hates it. I got online found your site & receipe & had everything on hand, except the yougurt, so off I ran to the store & got that. Mixing it was simple & the puppy is nursing!! I have attached a picture of the biggest & my little girl, Itsy Bitsy, so you can see what a challenge I am up for. If you respond I will keep you updated on her progress & pics as well. Again THANKS so much for helping me give this little girl a chance. She is resting with her brothers & sisters now to keep warm.

Kathy



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Good Evening,

I emailed you a few days ago and about humidity concerns of my fading puppy and she is still here!!! I also used your formula and she loves it! It smells just like yogurt and doesnt even taste that bad... I tasted it... I know... but I had to. : ) Anyways she is getting strong and sometimes when she goes to the bathroom it looks like there are little seeds in there. Is that good or bad? I read about them some place but now I can't find the information I read. You are so great and generous for helping so many pet lovers! Thank you again.

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Sincerely, Zan

I just had to send you a personal "Thank You" for giving me the knowledge to save my baby. When she was born the mother has such an underbite that she could not break the sac or cut the umbilical cords. After helping her with this process I thought everything would be ok. Well the next morning I found this lil girl off to the side and taking a breath about every minute. After about 10 minutes she guit breathing all together. I got a little emotional and would not hand her over to my husband. I guess my nervous energy made my hands shake and it jolted her back to life. I then grabbed my computer to see what to do next. That is when I found your website. I just so happened to know someone that raised and milked their own goats so I got some goat milk and followed your recipe and tips to help her urinate and defecate. I have sent some pics to show you her progress she has went from a few ounces to a few pounds now within 5 weeks. I once again want to thank you she is now my world.

#### Annette

Pics order are: just born, four days, 10 days and 30 days. Her name is Gizmette.



Your formula and information helped me so much. We had a litter of chihuahuahs from my daughter's dog that should not of bred as she was way too small. It was an accident and I think she had them early too. First two still born and a male and female that were tiny. Only 52 grams. All seemed ok except mom was not very good. After 4 days the female died. We then started watching the male and he was fading. I found your site and have been feeding for 5 days now. At first he lost but today is is a whopping 70 grams!! He got pneumonia when he was 60 grams but the anibiotic seems to be working. His breathing is better on day 11 and we hope he makes it. We all take turns feeding every 2 hours around the clock. I have had to put fluid under his skin 3 times. He gained 4 grams today so we are so happy!! We would have lost him if it wasn't for your site. Thank you soooooooo much for helping save our"little man."

Bonnie

Copyright Leerburg® Enterprises Inc. 129 Hello Cindy and Ed,

Well it has been 17 days since I used your "Bottle Baby" recipe for a single pup that we thought we might lose to an inexperienced dam and overdue whelp day. Attached is a picture of this little stinker, taken a couple of days ago. He is thriving. It is 100% a credit to your formula.

I also decided to try AGAIN the RAW diet (or BARF, eewwe) for our adult and adolescent GSDS. We had attempted this before a few years ago, and found it to be tedious, overly time consuming, and virtually "un-do-able" with ten GSDs, a Caucasion Ovtcharka, five children (one of whom is severely disabled) and a show schedule on many weekends. AAACK.

After reading your articles and Q and A on it, six days ago, I made the switch with our four males. They range in age from 13 months, 18 months, 7 years and 6 years. We immediately noticed that they lost the "bloaty" look that especially the older males seemed to carry on their underlines with the kibble diets. We notice that vigor and energy has increased tenfold, yet they are quiet and content after eating RAW. My 18 month old that has itched and battled demodex for months, has STOPPED scratching, and his face is already clearing. His coat is glossy. (The vet gave him ivermectin, which is temporary and really scary also ineffective).

(Keeping for the first 30 days our bitches as a "control group" still on the kibble/supplement/ added things diet. Just until we get our sources for meats solidified for the whole kennel. Also I didn't want to change everyone until I saw if it would work...boy did it ever!)

Like you, I decided that I was over thinking, over doing the simplicity of the diet. Much easier now, and even fun!

My 13 month old male, I noticed, has developed what seems to be pano in a front and rear leg.... I have added more necks / backs and less chicken 1/4s thinking he may be getting too much fat / protein, and not enough bone type food? What is your opinion here? [Leerburg's Information on Pano]

Also with the bottle fed baby, I know you folks mix the formula with hamburger during weaning at about 4 weeks... When do you add RMBs and things, and do I need to grind them (if I am giving necks/ backs, etc, ostensibly for a baby puppy of that age)?

Sorry for the questions. I have the Grow Your Pups with Bones and the Give Your Dog a Bone... and Kymythy Schultz's OUTSTANDING BOOK on the Ultimate Diet... but weaning to raw is a bit new. Be gentle... we are talking about kibble feeders for over 40 years. It is a learning process for us, lol.

Very warmest regards, Kathy and Ken



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I would like to be one of your testimonials with a 2 week old Pyrenees orphan but first I need to ask about making it! He is not real picky. He has done fairly well on Esbilac and the WalMart brand but is getting constipated and a little fussy about nipples. Slow flow is too slow and medium flow is too fast. So I have poked extra holes in the slow flow (still too slow) and alternate during the feeding with the medium flow. He ate fine with the medium flow after he got used to it but vomited quite a bit after two feedings. So I read up in cyber help and it seems that this could be from eating too fast. So that's when I came up with the alternating.

His poop is NOT firm. It is mustard colored and SEEDY like he would have eaten bird seed??? But, he has started really crying when he tries to poop and just squirts out a little bit after most feedings, then wham here comes a huge amt about twice a day. NO plug, just a bunch.

The goats milk I have purchased is Meyenberg Evaporated Goats Milk in a can. It states it should be mixed 50/50 with water to use. My questions are:

Do I follow this direction and mix it with water then have 20 oz plus the rest of the ingredients? Do I then add 3 more oz of water?

Do I use it straight and add the 3 oz of water in the recipe?

This may sound silly but I just don't want to shortchange my little guy with a weak formula, or give him a concentrated formula that may hurt him. Thank you so much, Mary

I have really enjoyed your website and the wealth of info on it. We just had our first litter of boxers and everyone that purchased a puppy from us I told them to go to your website and purchase your pack structure and puppy 8 weeks to 8 months. Because what they do as a dog owner now will reflect when they mature. This way you dont have to spend the next 8 years trying to correct poor training.

Also we used the puppy milk receipe - our vet wasn't happy about it but when our pups went back in for their 7 week check and health certificate - she ate her words said we had very strong healthy puppy. Two of them lived because we use the formula on your site. God Bless you you have touch many peoples lives in very positive ways.

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Hello Ed and Friends at Leerburg,

Now at, not quite 7 weeks after his lone, c section birth to a mother that regarded her first ever puppy as alien... we have a strong, vigorous and yes spoiled red sable boy that YOUR FORMULA saved. Raised from the bottle from day one.

Photo taken at 5 weeks

Thank you is not enough. From a very grateful, Ken and Kathy



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#### Dear Ed,

Thank you so much for the detailed information on your web site in the Bottle Feeding Puppies section. Kiara gave birth to 8 puppies last night, ignoring them all. I knew enough to get the sack off of them, tie the cord, then "lick" them off with a towel. I have no means to get to the city for puppy formula, nor funds for a 2 am vet house call. Then I found your miracle page "Bottle Feeding Puppies & Hand Raising Puppies." Running (literally) around our town to ALL the stores as soon as they opened, I found a syringe, a bottle, and the ingredients to your life saving formula. At the moment, all eight have hushed after having the recommended doses and.... believe it or not... Kiara is laying beside them!

We did not plan on having puppies. Kiara was adopted from the pound on February 2nd. What we didn't know was that she was coming with a surprise package. The 15 of us are very grateful to you. I trust your formula will keep working miracles.

Thank you again with all my heart, Yvonne

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Hello,

My name is Kathy & I am a breeder of Saint Bernards. I've been meaning to write this email to you for quite some time now. I've been using your recipe for puppy formula for my last few litters and I cannot thank you enough for offering this information on the web. A while back I was searching for a substitute to the commerical brands of formula and came across your site with your recipe. It has been such a huge part of my success as I need to supplement when I have large litters. The formula has always been so easy on the pups and they seem to love it instantly... very unlike the commercial mixes... they never seemed to accept those, but they tend to latch onto a bottle of your recipe instantly!

Thanks so much for offering your help. I've also found other very useful information on your website with regards to training issues. You guys are amazing, one, for having such great information, and two, for sharing with the world!

Thanks again! Kathy

I just wanted to say what an awesome formula. I have 2 orphan puppies. They are now eating great and gaining weight. The formula smells good too, to me like plain yogurt. I've been bottle feeding them since birth and tonight they have finally finished the serving they need to have.



Hi Ed. I just wanted to tell you thank you so much for sharing your puppy formula with everyone. We have bred bulldogs since the 80's in europe now in Canada and 3 years ago we discovered your website and puppy formula. We have raised countless litters and orphan puppies using this formula including a orphan puppy at this present time Fifa we have sent you a picture of. If it wasn't for this formula we would have been using the commercial formulas sold at the vets office which we have never had anything but problems with. So thank you very much from the bottom of our hearts you have helped us save many lives with your formula.



#### Q: Dear Ed,

My Great Pyrenees had a litter of 10 puppies. We have lost one pup per week for the past 4 weeks. I wish I had found your site sooner. Each pup that I lost, stopped nursing on the mom and stopped gaining weight as expected. I bottle fed them using powdered formla purchased at my vets office. After three visits to the vet and losing three puppies, I found a new vet. Neither could tell me why I am losing these puppies. After the first couple of days of being born there paws and tail began to turn black. I tried cleaning them as much as I could without wetting them too much, for fear that they would get sick. As I washed one of the pups tail I noticed a chunk of skin come off and leave a hole in the tail resembling a tooth puncture. There ears grew thick and tough and are now crusty and ichy. The second vet took skin scrapings and found nothing. He also took stool samples and again found nothing. He gave them dewormer and dipped them in a sulfur mixture. He sent me home with antibiotics to administer to all of the puppies twice a day. The puppies have lost all of the hair on their paws some still have scabs. The tails are still black. The ears have not changed either. Sadly,

today we lost puppy #4. I was giving him fluid under the skin two times a day, Nutra-Cal every two hours, antibiotics, athlete's foot creme on his ears and feet twice daily, I was feeding him a high protein can food given to me by the vet. It was actually cat food and he said that it would be better for him than the formula. He instructed me to water it down enough to squeeze through a seringe. I was feeding him 3ml of the mixture every three hours. He was kept on a heating pad away from the other puppies and was being watched very carefully. After all of that and little to no sleep for me, I lost him anyway. I am so upset and angry that no matter how much time, care, or money I invest, these puppies keep dying. The six puppies that are left are just over 4 weeks old. Are they old enough to begin a diet of your formula mixed with the ground meat? I have been feeding them dry lams puppy food soften with warm water (as instructed by my current vet). I appreciate any information that you can share with me.

Thank You for Your Time, Tallie

A: Yes – at 4 weeks they can lap from a bowl. Put them on my formula, let them eat it for 2 or 3 days and then add small pieces of raw hamburger in with it.

Regards, Ed Frawley

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I wanted to send the story about my dog Titus to you since your article about bottle feeding puppies saved him and me.

Roughly two years ago in April, I was walking out the

door for work (I worked on 3rd shift at the time) and heard what sounded like a kitten crying out. Since I had several trees in the yard I proceeded to look in them but didn't see anything and that's when I nearly stepped on Titus. I reached down to pick him up, and found that he was still wet and extremely cold... however his cries let me know he was definitely alive. Being short on time I rushed inside and placed him in a box with a few old shirts of mine. I broke out a electric heater and cranked it up, and closed off the room. Unfortunately it was the best I could do, and I left for work. That night I got online to find some info on caring for orphaned pups, and found your site. I decided that if he was still alive when I got home, I would go to the store and grab the ingredients to start bottle feeding him. When I got home that morning he was still alive so I rushed to the grocery store and bought all the stuff needed, and a baby medicine bottle. That first time of feeding him didn't go to well, so I stayed up until a local pet store opened so I could get the correct sized nipple I needed. After that things went great. Within a day or two I could tell a HUGE difference.

It felt great and as the days turned into weeks I grew extremely attached to Titus. That past December my rotty, Sadie, had gotten sick and passed, so I wasn't looking to replace her when Titus happened. Regardless I'm glad it did, and I'm glad that I was able to find such a valuable online resource to help me care for a one day old puppy. I wouldn't trade Titus for any other dog in the world even though he's very energetic (he's a border collie mix). I've attached a few pics of him.

Sincerely, Jeff



I just wanted to take a minute and thank you and tell you how wonderful your recipe is! I had a litter of 20, yes you read that right, 20 Cane Corso puppies. After losing 2 within 24 hours because mom just couldn't keep up with the demand and the other powdered "formulas" just were not cutting it, I did what anyone does these days, ran to the internet. Your website with the recipe came up immediately, I sent my girlfriend to the store to pick up the items and within hours I could start to see a difference in the litter. Had it not been for your recipe I believe I would have lost many more precious pups.

And here I am today once again using your recipe with a puppy that was less than a 1/2 a pound with no sucking

reflex. After a couple of tube feedings you can see her come to life on your formula!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart and all the puppies you have saved!

Christi

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Hi,

I just wanted to say say a massive thank you for sharing your puppy formula with the general public, my puppies owe you so much. My puppies were born by c-section and, as is guite common in Boston Terrier c-sections, the mother rejected all 3 pups from birth. I had some Lactol ready (for the mother) so thought I'd try that. After a day or so I wasn't happy with their weight gains or convinced about the nutritional value of a synthetic formula and searched google. Your formula came up as no1 in the search. I read all the testimonials and thought your formula was full of natural ingredients and was higher in calories than anything synthetic so I thought I'd give it a whirl (even though I was a little sceptical but what did I have to lose). A couple of hours changing measurements to UK standards and a 80 mile round trip to Cardiff to buy some Caro Syrup (not easy to find in the UK) and i was ready to go. The puppies took to the formula easier than the Lactol, it tasted good and best of all it was all natural. The puppies weight increased straight away and after 1 week they were all more than double their birth weight, even the smallest pup. All 3 puppies are thriving....

This formula saved their lives!!!!!!!

I can never thank you enough for sharing this with the

world.

Nathan.

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I must say I inseminate all my shelties and Newfoundland's with your methods, and have had great results... Thank you.

Also your milk formula is fantastic I have saved at least 20 puppies so far.

Thanks, Brenda & Diana

I foster puppy litters from several area shelters and get many orphaned and/or abandoned litters. After many litters with varied success... even the survivors didn t thrive the way I would want them to... I got a litter abandoned in a local park at hours old in 90 degree weather. I have made many purchases from your site and got on with the hope of finding info on bottle feeding. That was last summer of 2010. Since then I have used your formula for over 60 orphans in some of the worst shape you can find puppies and have had nearly 100% success with pups that would not have stood a chance with the store formulas used in the past. I cannot thank you enough for the products and information you put out on your site.

Juli

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Dear Ed,

I would like to sincerely thank you for your amazing puppy formula that has saved many a pup for me over the years.

It has most recently saved the life of a 90gr pup who slipped backwards on his 2nd day of life, lost his sucking reflex and was slowly but surely dying. Photos 1 and 2 were taken after his first tube feeding of your formula. Photos 3 and 4 show the same pup 24 hours later, by then strong enough to drink from a bottle.

Thankyou once again!

Lindy D (Australia)



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