



# Feeding Guide

## Feeding Foals

With the use of milk replacers, creep feeds and good management, growth rate and the well-being of the orphan foal can be equivalent to that of a foal nursed from its mother.

Foal and calf milk replacers and acidified milk replacers can replace the mares milk. When fed correctly, research has shown that digestive disturbances are no greater than those for a foal fed directly from its mother.

It is important that foals receive colostrum within 4 hours of birth. It is unlikely a foal will survive if it does not receive colostrum.

Ensure clean fresh water is available from day 1, and from first week high protein, high energy pellets should be offered.

## Feeding Recommendations

Foal milk replacers should be mixed at 100 grams per litre of water, and the feeding guide below should be followed. DO NOT increase the concentration (100gm/litre), however volumes may vary depending on the size and strength of the foal.

IMPORTANT: These tables are a guide only. Feed requirements vary between 21% and 25% of bodyweight. If in doubt contact your vet.

### HORSE

Age of Foal	Feeds per Day	Quantity per Feed (ml)	Grams per Feed (g)	Total Volume per Day (l)
Up to 2 weeks	12	900	90	10.8
2-6 weeks	12	1100	110	13.2
6-12 weeks	8	1300	130	10.4
12-21 weeks	6	1500	150	9

### PONY

Age of Foal	Feeds per Day	Quantity per Feed (ml)	Grams per Feed (g)	Total Volume per Day (l)
Up to 2 weeks	12	720	70	8.6
2-6 weeks	12	1000	100	10
6-12 weeks	8	1100	110	8.8
12-21 weeks	6	1300	130	7.8

From 21 weeks the amount of milk should be gradually reduced over a 3 week period. Ensure that the foal is strong and consuming adequate amounts of foal pellets and soft hay.

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