



Managing the orphan or rejected foal

After the colostrum has been consumed, introduce the foal to FOALS FIRST® Milk Replacer liquid in a shallow bowl. While the foal is nursing on your finger, raise the bowl containing the milk replacer up to the foal's muzzle. Slowly remove your finger while the foal is drinking the milk. This process should be repeated until the foal is drinking freely. Always bring the bowl up to the foal's muzzle and never force the foal's head down into the bowl. When introducing a foal to liquid milk replacer, the milk replacer can be warmed slightly to encourage consumption.

Once the foal drinks without assistance, mount a shallow bucket on the wall at shoulder-height level to the foal. This will allow easy access to the bucket of milk replacer. The bucket should be a contrasting color to the wall to make it easy for the foal to see.

Other management tips

1. Follow Progressive Nutrition's recommended mixing and feeding directions.
2. After the foal is drinking the recommended amount per day of milk replacer, a bucket of water can be placed beside the bucket of milk replacer. During the "early phase", this will prevent the foal from drinking the water and not the milk replacer.
3. When the foal consumes the recommended amount of milk replacer before the next scheduled feeding, place a handful of FOALS FIRST® Starter & Creep into the empty milk bucket.
4. Before adding fresh milk replacer, always thoroughly wash the milk replacer bucket and discard any left-over milk replacer liquid or Starter & Creep pellets.
5. Because foals are teething, provide small amounts of the "softest hay" available for them to chew on.
6. If a foal is orphaned after 3 weeks of age and will not drink the liquid milk replacer, they should be provided FOALS FIRST® Starter & Creep pellets on a free-choice basis.
7. For foal feeding and management assistance, contact Progressive Nutrition's customer service department at www.prognutrition.com or call 1-888-239-3185.

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Bags of FOALS FIRST® Milk Replacer Powder needed until weaning?

The amount of FOALS FIRST® Milk Replacer powder needed will depend on: 1) the size of their dam, 2) the age of the foal when placed on the milk replacer and 3) the age of the foal when weaned.

For Example: Foals whose dam weighed 1,000 lbs, orphaned at birth and fed milk replacer for 60 days will require 5 bags of FOALS FIRST® Milk Replacer powder until weaned.

Transitioning from milk replacer to FOALS FIRST® Starter & Creep

The first step is to encourage Starter & Creep consumption by placing the pellets into the empty milk replacer bucket in between milk replacer feedings. Once the foal begins to eat the Starter & Creep, place it in a feeder or bucket next to the milk replacer bucket. From that point forward, you can provide the Starter & Creep free choice. Transitioning off of liquid milk to the Starter & Creep pellet can be accomplished by reducing the liquid milk replacer by ½ gallon per day, while providing an additional ½ pound of the Starter & Creep per day. If the foal does not clean up the additional pellets, wait for another day before reducing another ½ gallon of the liquid milk. If the foal is drinking 4 gallons of milk replacer/day, it should take a minimum of 8 days to make this transition.

Foals should be provided Starter & Creep, free choice, until they are 4 months old. Then, transition the foal to a Progressive Nutrition weanling diet.



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