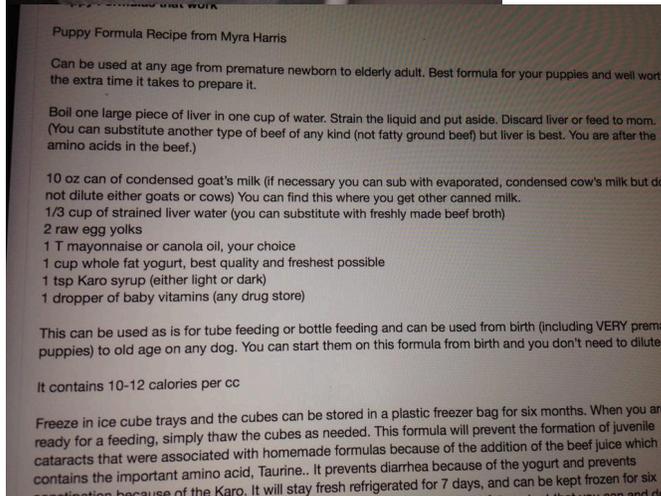


Tubing a puppy! – Jerrilin Naylor
Posted March 22, 2015 at 10:29 am



Each one of us probably has a different way to show and hold. I like to hold the puppy in a washcloth and it keeps them warm. I have the formula mixed, pup has been weighed, they get 1cc of formula per body weight. If pup weighs 3 ounces it gets 3 cc of formula. When it gets to 4 ounces it gets 4cc of formula and keep increasing as it grows. Still offer the dam if she is available. Wet nurses are perfect if you have access one. One of the reasons

breeders breed two girls at once.
Tubing is frightening the first time.

~~Measure the tube tip to the stomach level from the tip of the mouth.~~
Edited to say: Measure the tube tip to the stomach from the pups mouth.

On my size 8 catheter I got from my Vet, it is notched with numbers and on my tiny pup I passed the tube to the number 9 to 10. Hold the pup as in my photo and gently squeeze the little mouth open and feed the tube down to that number and push the syringe plunger with the formula and slowly pull it out. Pup will sleep 2 hours and will be ready for more.

The first day you supplement you will notice the pup gain strength and then you can offer the dams teat also.

You are NOT the first nervous person to go this and be a wreck. It has happened to most of us.

You get better at it each time.

If two to three years go by before you have another litter, and should you need to tube again...you will be nervous all over again.

Keep good notes and a Journal on every litter you whelp. It will help calm you at 3AM.

Ask any questions now and the breeders will help you.

We don't have all the answers but most.

And some situations are just that, and no matter what you do things sometimes turn for the worse.

"It is what it is"!

"What says you"?

COMMENTS:

Jerrilin Naylor It is suppose to read measure the tube tip to the stomach from the pups mouth. Yesterday at 10:35 · Edited · Like

Tonia Perry I am learning so much from you. You were so helpful when I whelped my first litter last year. Thank you for mentoring us here too. Yesterday at 11:38 · Edited · Like · 1

Jennifer Jones I used to worry about putting it in a lung and drowning them, but now I know the puppy can't make noises if the tube is in a lung.

So, when I think I have the tube in place, I tickle the pup and make him squeak before I push the milk on. Yesterday at 11:53 · Like · 3

Gayle Stewart-Key Like Jennifer, I learned that noise means you're okay. I measure the tube from outside, lying it against puppy, and put the tip where the belly is. I then mark the tube where it would come from mouth with a piece of masking tape. I've never had to tube... See More Yesterday at 12:10 · Like

Ika Ivani It is any particular way how to put the tube in? And how much of this formula do you give per 1 meal? Do you feed them on every hour with this or then need less? Didn't have a case like that before, but I would like to be fully prepared if it comes to it. So I am making notes. Yesterday at 12:57 · Edited · Like

Ika Ivani Ok I saw now how much, but I don't know what cc means.. Yesterday at 12:58 · Edited · Like

Melinda Henderson Had to tube feed a litter of 4 girls once when momma had zero milk (a whole other story) I got real good, real fast! About every 3 days I would remeasure. It was too difficult to move the tape so I just made marks with a sharpie. Each puppy had its own tube mostly so I didn't get marks mixed up. Clear tubes are the best, #5fr is good for most puppies. It is a quick and efficient way to get nutrition into a struggling puppy. They do not have to expend any energy. Once they are doing better you can move to a different method. It's really not difficult as long as you know the proper steps, best to learn in person from someone experienced. There is a video on YouTube also.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bIKWr7yRU2g>

□ **How To Tube Feed A Puppy** Dr. Larry and Karen Bernstein demonstrate the procedure for tube feeding a young puppy (who is now... YOUTUBE.COM Yesterday at 13:09 · Like · 3

Maureen McGrath How do you know the tube didn't go into a lung? Yesterday at 13:53 · Like

Ika Ivani Maureen you can see on video, he explains how to put it correctly (neck must be bent, not extended). And they wrote in comments already, you tickle a pup to make a noise. If he can't, then the tube is not inserted correctly. I think I understand it right. Yesterday at 13:57 · Like

Michelle Navarre Really informative. It's a scary process to me. Yesterday at 14:13 · Like

Maureen McGrath Oh, brilliant!!Yesterday at 14:42 · Like

Maureen McGrath cc's are the same as ml
It's a cubic centimeterYesterday at 14:44 · Edited · Like · 1

Ika Ivani Thank you!Yesterday at 14:46 · Like

Gayle Stewart-Key My vet told me years ago to slide the tube "to the side" of the throat. Claimed easier insertion.23 hrs · Like · 1