



Hand Raising a Joey

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Recipes for Hand-Feeding

There are two choices for hand-feeding your joey. If you already feed your gliders BML (Bourbon's Modified Leadbeater's Mix), and your joey is over two weeks out of pouch*, then you will probably want to feed your joey Baby BML (made the same as BML *except* without wheat germ). Otherwise, you will probably want to feed your joey my Joey Formula. Both are used with a high success rate. The choice is really yours to make. Both recipes make up a larger quantity than you will need right away. Refrigerate for 2 - 3 days or freeze the unused portion.

**For younger joeys, you may want to mix the Baby BML 50/50 with unflavored Pedialyte® or Liquilyte® in order to help keep the joey hydrated and so that the thickness is easier to feed.*

Joey Formula

Mix the following ingredients together until very smooth:

1.5 Tbsp. unflavored Pedialyte® -or- Liquilyte® -or- Water

0.5 Tbsp. Apple Juice

½ tsp. Gliderade® powder -or- Lorikeet Nectar (optional)

½ tsp. Brisky's Booster Milk (-or- Wombaroo® Possum Milk Replacer >0.8 -or- puppy formula)

1 tsp.* dry baby cereal

****This amount is for a "newborn" joey.***

For a Premature joey, eliminate the cereal entirely.

For a 2 - 4 weeks o.o.p. joey, increase the baby cereal to 1 1/2 tsp.

For a 4 - 6 weeks o.o.p. joey, increase the baby cereal to 2 tsp.

For a 6 - 8 weeks o.o.p. joey, increase the baby cereal to 1 Tbsp.

| Age of Joey: | Amount to Feed: | Frequency: |
|--|------------------------|-------------------|
| Newly out-of-pouch (o.o.p.) through 2 weeks o.o.p. | 0.3 - 0.5 cc's | Every 1 - 2 hours |
| 2 weeks o.o.p. through 4 weeks o.o.p. | 0.5 - 1.0 cc's | Every 2 - 3 hours |
| 4 weeks o.o.p. through 6 weeks o.o.p. | 1.0 - 2.0 cc's | Every 3 - 4 hours |
| 6 weeks o.o.p. through 8 weeks o.o.p.** | 2.0 - 4.0 cc's | ** |

*****at this age, the joey should be starting to eat on its own.***

What Do You Need?

Whether hand-raising or supplement-feeding a joey, there are many items you will need. It is best to purchase these items before a situation arises and keep them together in a handy location so you are not scrambling for them in a panic.

For feeding, you will need one of the following:

- French catheter #5 *plus* a 1.0 cc syringe (both of which you should be able to purchase from your veterinarian)
- 2 oz. *PetAg*® baby bottle for kittens/puppies (which you should be able to purchase from a pet store)
- 1.0 cc syringe (which you should be able to purchase from your veterinarian)

For making an incubator, you will need:

- 10 gallon aquarium with cage cover
 - Small (8"x8") *Heat Wave*® *Reptile Heat Pad* by *ExoTerra*®
-or-
 - One of the following plastic containers:
 - 2 gallon *Rubbermaid*® storage container with lid (drill holes in lid for ventilation)
 - Critter Keeper plastic tank
 - Human heating pad without automatic shutoff (available at K-Mart)
 - 2 large, thick bath towels
 - One of the following thermometers:
 - Fluker's*® aquarium thermometer, available at most pet stores
 - Acu-rite*® Wireless thermometer
 - Misting spray bottle with water
 - Hand towel
 - 2 wash cloths
 - Small baby-safe stuffed animal (with no loose threads & *not* stuffed with beans)
 - 12 small fleece blankets (6" square)*
 - 12 large fleece blankets (12" x 18")*
- *Fleece blankets can be easily made. Simply purchase two yards of fleece then cut it into the appropriately sized blankets. Fleece does not fray, so no hemming is necessary.

Other items you will need include:

- Supplies for making Baby BML or Joey Formula
- Unflavored *Pedialyte*® or *Liquilyte*® (available at most grocery stores)
- *Q-tips*®
- Facial Tissues
- *Cottonelle Fresh*® Wipes (found near the TP in most grocery stores)