

Lifeline Sponge Feeding Kit

Our Lifeline Sponge Feeding Kit is perfect for feeding animals that are too weak to nurse from the mother or from our syringe nursers. This pack includes a reusable non-toxic syringe that is perfect for hand feeding.

Please Note: We first recommend stimulating the animal with a warm wet wipe or towel before feeding to relive any fluid in the bladder. The mother may also do this if possible.

Directions:

- Remove one wedge and syringe from pack
- Trim the corners of the smallest end of the wedge to fit according to the animals mouth
- We recommend cutting small triangles off each side of the small end
- Weigh animal to ensure you are feeding the proper amount of warmed formula
 - As a general suggestion we recommend 1cc/ml per ounce of body weight rounded down to the nearest whole number
 - Example: 5.6 oz. of body weight would be 5 ounces of formula every 2-3 hours
- Adjust as needed for your animal's individual requirements
- Draw the proper amount of formula into the syringe for the first feeding.
- Put a small amount of formula on the feeding end of the sponge to get the animal started
- Never squeeze the sponge as it could cause the animal to choke
- Inject formula into the side of the sponge a small amount at a time so animal can nurse
- Please make note of the amount of formula you are using so you do not overfeed
- Clean off and burp the animal when you are finished with each feeding

Please Note: This method can be a little messy but is less invasive than tube feeding. Tube feeding should always be considered as a last resort due to the complexity and danger of inserting a feeding tube into the trachea or feeding the animal too fast.

Wedge Cleaning Instructions: You may clean the wedge with warm soapy water by rinsing all formula from the sponge completely each time. Make sure to squeeze excess water after rinsing from the wedge and let it completely air dry before feeding again. The wedges can be reused until they begin to show signs of wear or flaking (Discard once this happens and replace with a new wedge).