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Kitten Mom's Corner

How Much Should I Feed?

How often and how much to feed kittens are important questions. The answers depend on the age and weight of the kittens. Generally speaking, healthy one-week old kittens need to consume about 32 mL's of quality kitten milk replacer (not cow's milk!) per day in a series of six to eight feedings. Four-week old kittens need more – approximately 104 mL's per day, but over three feedings. Kittens six weeks of age and older should be eating primarily solid foods in three daily feedings. We have a Kitten Feeding Chart with the details on our website, and it's available for download! Be sure to take a look at some of our other resources too!

For more hints and tips, see our “Fast Facts” Top Bottle Feeding Hints information sheet. Also, take a look at some of our other resources! (kittencoalition.org/resources/informational-sheets)

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