

Feeding Regime for the Seals

Grey Seal White coat

Day 1 Start with small amounts of Lactate (300-400ml) with vitamins, sodium and medication.

May have mums milk still in stomach so need to flush this out before giving fish soup, may take a few days.

Day 2 Small amount (300-400ml) of 75% lactate and 25% fish soup (see sheet how to make fish soup)

Day 3 Small amount (300-400ml) of 50% lactate and 50% fish soup

Day 4 Small amount (300-400ml) of full fish soup

Day 5 until loss of white coat 500ml-600ml full strength fish soup (depending on weight of seal)

During loss of white coat

1st - Start one feed a day force feeding (2-3 fish) other 3 feeds full strength fish soup, if looking dry give lactate.

2nd – Force feeding (3-4 Fish) 2 feeds a day, fish soup 2 feeds (extra lactate if dry)

3rd – Start trying to hand feed, if unsuccessful continue force feed and fish soup

4th – Continue to hand feed

5th - Once hand feeding encourage to eat on own and in bath (change to bigger baths once confident in small one)

6th – Once eating in bath continue this only encourage to eat on own!! Once eating on own do NOT F/F, H/F etc

If Seal Looks DRY Give Tubing of Pure LACTATE

Grey Seal moulting/ moulted

Day 1

Small amount of Lactate only (300-400ml) also vitamins, sodium and medication

Day 2

Small amount (300-400ml) of 75% lactate and 25% fish soup (see sheet how to make fish soup)

Day 3

Small amount (300-400ml) of 50% lactate and 50% fish soup

Day 4

Small amount (300-400ml) of full fish soup

Day 5 +

1st - Try H/F if not interested F/F

2nd - Continue trying to hand feed

4th - Once hand feeding encourage to eat on own and in bath

5th – Once eating in bath continue this only encourage to eat on own!! Once eating on own do NOT F/F, H/F etc

This may vary due to the age and condition of the seal, consult with manager before changing ANYTHING with the Seal!

If Seal Looks DRY Give Tubing of Pure LACTATE or Inject FISH with LACTATE

Common Seals Babies

Day 1

Small amount of Lactate only (200-300ml) also vitamins, sodium and medication

May have mums milk still in stomach so need to flush this out before giving fish soup, may take a few days.

Day 2/3

Small amount (200-300ml) of 75%lactate and 25% fish soup (see sheet how to make fish soup)

Day 4/5

Small amount (300-400ml) of 50% lactate 50% fish soup

Day 6/8

Small amount (300-400ml) of full fish soup, if looking dry add lactate

- Continue tubing until estimate age of 3 -4 weeks old
- Start slowly introducing force feeding (2-3 Fish) one feed a day, then twice day etc. Again if looking dry tube with lactate
- Once force feeding full days, attempt light force feeding (Standing over them) and hand feeding, Commons take longer to progress so **Patients is key.**
- Once hand feeding successfully attempt to hand feed in blue bath
- Once hand feeding in blue bath move into larger baths, attempt underwater feeding continue to get the seal to eat on own.

Older Common Seals Use the same routine but try to get them to eat on own 1st before force feeding etc. as may after tubing and back to strength eat by themselves.