

Easy Reference Sheet

Milk for Marsupials

The following is a guide to using milk replacers for young marsupials.

Stop! Is the animal warm? If not, weigh it and warm it.

Once it is warm, it can be rehydrated. Give fluids orally (Glucose or Lactade® – **no milk or other food yet**). The amount is governed by the animal's body weight. Give small quantities frequently. If the animal can't take the fluids orally, it will need to be given by the subcutaneous or intravenous method. This will require a Veterinarian.

Weigh - Warmth – Fluids

Do not give milk or any other food until the animal is warm and rehydrated

Milk products for marsupial joeys (**not koalas**):

Wombaroo Milk Replacer®, **Biolac®** and **Di-Vetelact®**.

Please follow manufacturers' instructions carefully.

Wombaroo and Biolac make specific products for age and stage of development. Di-Vetelact has one product for all species. Wombaroo also make a colostrum replacer '**Impact®**' which is added to all three milk products (Wombaroo Milk Replacer, Biolac® and Di-Vetelact®) until weaning or release.

Possums being reared on Di-Vetelact® also require **Wombaroo High Protein Supplement®** as well as Impact® added to the milk formula to ensure that it is providing sufficient nutrition for a growing marsupial joey.

Wildcare Australia Inc. has detailed notes on feeding marsupial joeys, please contact for more information. See attached formula preparation sheet.

First milk feeds – small quantities often around the clock:

Wombaroo + Impact®. Follow manufacturer's instructions. See Wildcare notes.

Biolac® + Impact®. Follow manufacturer's instructions. See Wildcare notes.

Di-Vetelact® + Impact®. Contact Wildcare Coordinator for correct age to add High Protein Supplement.