



The RPAW Rescue Report

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Giving Bottle Babies a Chance at Life

RPAW is proud to be one of very few rescue groups with the resources and dedicated volunteers that allow us to take in bottle-fed kittens and puppies. This season, we've already rescued more than 70 bottle-fed kittens and 11 bottle-fed puppies. Some of these animals have come from the Animal Humane Society, where they were in danger of euthanasia due to a lack of foster care resources. Others found their way to us through word-of-mouth.

Bottle-feeding is an art learned through experience, not something that can be learned from a book. Thankfully, our bottle foster parents take their job very seriously. Caring for these babies — sometimes only hours old — can be challenging. But, it's also very rewarding.

Orphaned baby companion animals truly depend on a human "mom" to provide everything they need for survival. Newborn orphans must be fed, stimulated to eliminate, cleaned up and put back to bed every two hours, around the clock. Fosters also have to make fresh formula and frequently change their bedding to make sure they stay healthy and warm. To ensure the babies are fed as often as they need to be, our bottle-feeding foster parents take their fosters with them everywhere they go. They even have "diaper bags" containing formula, bottles, extra bedding and wipes, among other things. When the little guys reach two weeks of age, the schedule can be bumped up to four hours, but it still doesn't allow their human fosters a full night's sleep!

Like human babies, young kittens and pups cannot regulate their body temperature well. So, heating pads are used to supplement the missing warmth of

a mom and siblings. If there's a single kitten who's rescued, he or she is given a small stuffed animal to snuggle with. They get lots of human cuddling, too! Though the process is intense, the results are truly rewarding. Once the babies are old enough to get altered and survive on their own, they're placed up for adoption. Because they're world has always revolved around people, bottle-fed kittens and pups are unbelievably friendly, and are often very easy to place into loving forever homes.

Would you like to help RPAW bottle babies?
RPAW is always in need of donations of funds to purchase formula and supplies. Donations can be dropped off at adoption events or mailed to:

Rescued Pets Are Wonderful
P.O. Box 751
Anoka, MN 55303

If you're interested in learning how to become a bottle-fed baby foster, please call us at 763-757-8204.



Adoption Ticker

Since 2004, RPAW has found forever homes for:

1	1	6	3	Dogs
2	5	8	1	Cats

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