

Emergency Response Checklist

Newborn kittens decline in hours, not days · tinypawsguide.com

Call the vet immediately if you see

- Cold to the touch (under 95°F / 35°C)
- Limp, floppy, or unresponsive
- Refusing to eat for 4–6 hours
- Watery or yellow diarrhea
- Labored, open-mouth, or rattling breathing
- Bleeding from anywhere (umbilicus, mouth, nose, rectum)
- Bloated, hard belly
- Pale, white, or blue gums (healthy = bubblegum pink)
- Nonstop crying that won't settle with warmth or food

Suspected hypoglycemia (weak + cold + unresponsive)

- Rub a few drops of corn syrup or honey onto the gums
- Wrap kitten skin-to-skin to warm slowly
- Call the emergency vet on the way to the clinic
- Do NOT feed formula until the kitten is warm and alert

Suspected aspiration (milk from nose, wet cough)

- Stop feeding immediately
- Hold kitten head-down briefly to clear airway
- Hold upright and gently pat the back
- Call the vet — pneumonia can develop in hours

Always keep within reach

- 24-hour emergency vet phone number
- Primary vet phone number and address
- Corn syrup or honey (for hypoglycemia)
- KMR powder and clean bottle
- Digital thermometer + lubricant
- Heating pad or microwavable warmer
- Kitchen scale (grams)
- Daily weight log

Vet contacts (fill in)

<input type="text"/>	Primary vet: _____	Phone: _____
<input type="text"/>	24-hour emergency vet: _____	Phone: _____
<input type="text"/>	Address / directions: _____	

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