



CRITICAL CARE FOR HERBIVORES

This is a complete syringe feeding formula for convalescing small herbivores.

Directions for use:

- Mix one part dry powder to one part warm water. Add more water as necessary to allow it to be syringe fed (not too runny though).
- Mix the paste very well so no lumps or pockets of powder exist.
- Refrigerate any unused paste for up to 24h. If you are using a refrigerated paste, warm to room temperature before using. You can also add some warm water if it has dried out too much, mixing well again if you do.
- Introduce the syringe carefully into your pet's mouth. When feeding, syringe the paste slowly into the animal's mouth. The syringe should be on top of your pet's tongue. Ask the nurse or vet for a demonstration if you are unsure. Avoid syringing too much or squirting in into the animal's mouth as this can make them choke.
- Feed 50 ml/kg-body weight of mixed product per day, divided into 4-6 feeds to any herbivores mammal or reptile
- DO NOT force feed your pet. If it is refusing food then ring for advice.
- FOR EXAMPLE:

You have a rabbit weighing 2 kg.

Every day you need 50 ml of mixed paste per kg ... $50 \text{ ml} \times 2 \text{ kg} = 100 \text{ ml}$.

This divided into 6 meals a day ... $100 \text{ ml} \text{ divided by } 6 = 16.5 \text{ ml approx.}$

- YOUR PET:

Your pet weighs $\{\text{patient.weight}\}$ kg

Your pet needs 50 ml of mixed paste per kg ... $50 \text{ ml} \times \{\text{patient.weight}\} \text{ kg}$
= ml

Divide this result into 4 or 6 meals a day.

Check with the surgery if you are unsure.

- Remember to still provide water and normal food.