

THE MAMMALS

ARMADILLO

MOM ARMADILLOS ALWAYS HAVE QUINTUPLETS

INFANTS - PEDIALYTE ALONE MUST BE GIVEN FOR THE FIRST 2 FEEDINGS, FOR THE THIRD FEEDING - 1 PART ZOOLOGIC 33/40 (FORMULA) TO 4 PARTS PEDIALYTE, FOURTH FEEDING – 1 PART FORMULA TO 3 PARTS PEDIALYTE. THEN GO TO FULL STRENGTH FORMULA (1 PART FORMULA TO 1-1/2 PARTS WATER) - TIME THE FEEDING ACCORDING TO AGE OF BABY.

.BIRTH TO 2 WEEKS FEED EVERY 3 HOURS; 2-3 WEEKS EVERY 4 HOURS; 3 WEEKS AND OLDER EVERY 6 HOURS. BABY CAN BE FED WITH A CURVED FEEDING NEEDLE SYRINGE - BUT SOME WILL LAP SO GIVE FORMULA IN A LOW SHALLOW DISH.

ARMADILLOS ARE WEANED AT ABOUT 3-4 MONTH OF AGE, AND WILL START EATING SOLID FOOD AT ABOUT 3 WEEKS OF AGE

JUVENILES WEIGHING BETWEEN 285 - 400 GRAMS SHOULD BE ON A WEANING DIET: IN A LOW SHALLOW DISH – PUT 1T MOISTENED DRY SCIENCE DIET FELINE GROWTH FORMULA MASHED TOGETHER WITH 1t BANANA, 1t PEAR, AND 1t SWEET POTATOES BABY FOOD (FIRST STAGE); ½ HARD BOILED EGG, 1T MEALWORMS AND 1T CRICKETS. FRESH WATER IN A SHALLOW NON TIPPING DISH SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AT ALL TIME.

ADULTS - IN A SHALLOW DISH – ½ C MOISTENED SCIENCE DIET ADULT FORMULA – 2 FRESH STRAWBERRIES, ¼ PEAR AND ¼ BANANA CAN BE MASHED AND ADDED TO CAT FOOD, 3T MEALWORMS, AND 3T CRICKETS.

BATS

ALL OF THE BAT SPECIES IN SOUTH FLORIDA ARE INSECTIVOROUS. SINCE BATS ARE SUCH SPECIALIZED EATERS, WE WILL TRY TO SEND THEM TO A BAT SPECIALIST ONCE STABILIZED. IN A SMALL SHALLOW DISH PLACE 1T MEALWORMS BAT WILL PROBABLY NEED TO BE HAND FED. BATS SHOULD BE GIVEN ONE DROP OF LINATONE ORALLY ONCE A WEEK. SMALL WORMS ARE BEST FOR BATS WEIGHING 3 - 6 GRAMS, BATS LARGER THAN 6 GRAMS SHOULD BE FED MEDIUM SIZE WORMS. FEED BAT AS MANY WORMS AS IT WILL EAT AT EACH FEEDING TWICE A DAY. IN A VERY SHALLOW DISH PLACE SEVERAL LAYERS OF GAUZE AND SOAK WITH FRESH WATER - CLEAN DISH, CHANGE GAUZE AND REFILL TWICE A DAY –

BOBCAT

BOBCATS ARE STRICT CARNIVORES AND ARE FED FOOD ITEMS THEY WOULD FIND IN THE WILD. DOA MAMMALS AND BIRDS, 4 MICE AND 1 QUAIL, OR DRY CATFOOD IF NOTHING ELSE AVAILABLE.

DEER

ADULT DEER GET 1c SWEET FEED, FREE CHOICE T&A HAY (GIVE ONE FLAKE DAILY), ½ c CHOPPED FRUIT.

FERRET

FERRETS ARE STRICT CARNIVORES AND WILL GET GASTROINTESTINAL PROBLEMS IF GIVEN THE WRONG DIET

GIVE ½ TO ¾ C HIGH QUALITY DRY FERRET FOOD, OR IF NOT AVAILABLE, GIVE FELINE GROWTH SMALL BITES.

PUT FRESH WATER IN A SIPPER BOTTLE CLEANED AND CHANGED DAILY. BE SURE TO CHECK WATER BOTTLES FOR PROPER OPERATION.

FOX, ARCTIC

ARCTIC FOXES ARE MORE CARNIVOROUS THAN GRAY FOXES. FEED ADULTS FOXES 2 MICE, 2 CHICKS, 1 QUAIL, AND 1 FISH. SOME ARCTIC FOXES PREFER THEIR FOOD FROZEN- ONCE EATING WELL, INTRODUCE FROZEN MICE TO DIET AND SEE IF THAT FOOD ITEM IS CHOSEN FIRST.

FOX, GRAY

FOXES ARE NOCTURNAL AND SHOULD BE FED AT END OF DAY SO FOOD IS FRESH WHEN ANIMAL IS READY TO EAT IT

IN A NON-TIPPING DISH –GIVE ¾ C DRY CAT FOOD, 1 MOUSE, 1 CHICK, 1 SMALL FISH (SILVERSIDES), ½ C BITE SIZE CUT UP FRUIT, AND 1 CRACKED RAW EGG. GIVE FRESH WATER IN NON-TIPPING DISH.

GERBILS- SEE RODENTS

GOAT

GOATS ARE RUMINANTS AND CAN DIE IF FED TOO MUCH OF THE WRONG ITEM. FOR AN AVERAGE SIZE (50 POUND) GOAT, FEED 1c 10% SWEET FEED TWICE DAILY AND T&A HAY FREE CHOICE. ¼ APPLE OR 1 CARROT CAN BE GIVEN AS A TREAT, CAN EAT FRESH GRASS FREE CHOICE TOO. KEEP LARGE DISH OF CLEAN WATER AVAILABLE.

GROUNDHOG- SEE RODENT,

GIVE AS MUCH AS 4-6 RATS WOULD BE EAT

GUINEA PIG

GUINEA PIGS CAN 'T MAKE THEIR OWN VITAMIN C SO IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT THEY GET ONLY FRESH GUINEA PIG PELLETS NOT RABBIT CHOW. STALE PELLETS LOSE THEIR VITAMIN CONTENT QUICKLY.

GIVE ½ C OF GUINEA PIG PELLETS, KEEP ALFALFA OR GRASS HAY AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES. IN A SEPARATE DISH GIVE 1 C DARK LEAFY GREENS AND VEGETABLES- VARY THE TYPES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BUT BE SURE THERE ARE SOME WITH GOOD VITAMIN C CONTENT. PUT 1t MIXED CHOPPED FRUITS-FRUITS CAN BE OMITTED IF IN SHORT SUPPLY OR IF GUINEA PIG HAS GI PROBLEMS.

VEGETABLES THAT ARE HIGH IN VITAMIN C - KALE, PARSLEY, BEET GREENS, RED AND GREEN PEPPERS, SOME TOMATOES, FRUITS HIGH IN VITAMIN C-KIWI FRUITS AND ORANGES.

HAMSTERS- SEE RODENTS

HEDGEHOG

HEDGEHOGS ARE NOCTURNAL AND MOVE VERY LITTLE DURING THE DAY. BE CAREFUL NOT TO ROLL THEM UP IN THEIR BEDDING WHEN CLEANING CAGE. THEY ARE PRONE TO OBESITY SO DO NOT OVERFEED.

REDUCED CALORIE ADULT FORMULA CAT FOOD 1 T A DAY, 1 t OF LOW FAT COTTAGE CHEESE, 3 - 5 MEALWORMS, 1 CRICKET, 1 t OF BITE SIZE FRUITS AND VEGETABLE. ALTERNATE BETWEEN THOSE ITEMS: 1/4 OF HARD-BOILED

EGG WITH SHELL OR FEW PIECES OF CHICKEN BABY FOOD (3 RD STAGE) OR 1 t OF CHICKEN WET CAT FOOD.

PUT WATER IN A NON-TIPPING DISH.

HORSE

HORSES HAVE VERY SENSITIVE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACTS. OVERFEEDING OR ABRUPTLY CHANGING THE GRAIN DIETS CAN CAUSE COLIC, FOUNDERING AND EVEN DEATH!

1 - 2 FLAKES OF TIMOTHY AND ALFALFA (T&A) HAY IN A TUB OR ON A CLEAN PIECE OF PLYWOOD TWICE A DAY DEPENDING ON SIZE OF HORSE, 1 QUART OF 10% PROTEIN SWEET FEED TWICE A DAY PUT IN NON TIPPING OR HANGING BUCKET.

PROVIDE 5 GALLON BUCKET WITH CLEAN WATER TO BE CLEANED AND REFILLED WITH FRESH WATER TWICE A DAY. CHECK WITH MEDICAL STAFF BEFORE FEEDING ANY TREATS. (THIS INCLUDES APPLES, SUGAR, OTHER FRUITS, STORE BOUGHT TREATS ETC.)

KINKAJOU

KINKAJOUS ARE NOCTURNAL SO FEED AT END OF DAY

GIVE 4 - 6 MONKEY BISCUITS, ½ APPLE, ½ BANANA, 6 GRAPES, ½ CARROT.
GIVE NON-TIPPING DISH WITH FRESH WATER.

MICE- SEE RODENTS

BREEDING MICE

PREGNANT AND NURSING MOMS HAVE A VERY HIGH METABOLIC RATE AND CALORIC DEMAND. FEED THESE MICE TWICE WHAT AN ADULT MOUSE WOULD BE FED.

MOLE, ANY TYPE

3T MEALWORMS, 3T CRICKETS AND 10-15 WAXWORMS (IF AVAILABLE) IN 3T MOISTENED DOG FOOD

OPOSSUM

OPOSSUMS ARE NOCTURNAL SO FEED AT END OF DAY SO FOOD IS FRESH WHEN THEY EAT IT.
IN A SHALLOW DISH 1 C DRY CAT FOOD, ½ C BITE SIZE CUT UP MIXED FRUIT, 1 RAW EGG, CRACKED, 1 t YOGURT, 2 SILVERSIDES. IN A NON-TIPPING DISH PUT CLEAN WATER.

OTTER, RIVER

ADULTS GET 4 LARGE HERRING, 1/3 CAN CAT FOOD (FISH FLAVOR) AND ½ C DRY CAT FOOD.

PIG

POTBELLIED PIGS ARE VERY PRONE TO OBESITY AND SUBSEQUENT JOINT PROBLEMS SECONDARY TO THE EXCESS WEIGHT. NEVER OVERFEED AND DON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO GIVE JUNK FOOD. FARM PIGS ARE MORE RESISTANT.

YOUNG PIGS 15-30 POUNDS SHOULD GET ½ C POTBELLIED PELLETTED PIG DIET.

ADULT PIGS SHOULD GET ¼ C POTBELLIED PELLETTED PIG DIET.

THE REST OF THE DIET SHOULD BE A MIX OF 2/3 LARGE CHUNKS OF VEGETABLES AND 1/3 LARGE CHUNKS OF FRUIT, GIVE 1C PER 25 LBS OF ANIMAL.

PRAIRIE DOG

PRAIRIE DOGS ARE PRONE TO OBESITY AND WILL DIE AT A YOUNG AGE IF FED A HIGH FAT DIET. THEY ARE MILD MANNERED BEFORE SEXUAL MATURITY AND THEN WILL NO LONGER BE NICE AND FRIENDLY AFTER THAT. NEVER PET OR HOLD A PRAIRIE DOG NO MATTER HOW FRIENDLY IT SEEMS TO BE- IT WILL EVENTUALLY BITE YOU! ALWAYS USE HEAVY GLOVES TO TRANSFER ANIMAL, BUT BEWARE, THEY CAN BITE THROUGH THEM!

GIVE 1 HANDFUL OF TIMOTHY HAY (ALFALFA IS FAR TOO RICH AND SHOULD NOT BE USED). 2 - 3 BLOCKS PRAIRIE DOG DELITE, 1 MONKEY CHOW BISCUIT, ½ C LEAFY GREENS- SUCH AS KALE, MUSTARD GREENS, OR DANDELION GREENS. ONE OR TWO SMALL PIECES OF FRUIT- LESS THAN 1T TOTAL AND OTHER VEGETABLES SUCH AS - BROCCOLI, BEAN SPROUTS SWEET POTATOES, CARROTS AND GREEN BEANS,

SEEDS AND NUTS ARE ONLY GIVEN AS A TREAT NO MORE THAN 1 t PER DAY.

FRESH WATER IN A SIPPER BOTTLE- ENSURE THE BOTTLE IS WORKING PROPERLY.

NONTOXIC WOODEN BRANCHES MUST BE PUT IN CAGE FOR GNAWING, A HIDE BOX SUITABLE FOR THE PRAIRIE DOG SIZE, AND A PAN WITH SAND.



PRIMATES

ALL PRIMATES REQUIRE A CLASS 2 OR CLASS 1 PERMIT (WE HAVE CLASS 3 PERMIT) THEY WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO AN APPROPRIATE FACILITY. THEY CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS AND CAN TRANSMIT SERIOUS ZOOONOTIC DISEASES.

RABBIT

ALL RABBITS THAT NEED TO BE ON COCCIDIA PREVENTATIVE - IN THEIR WATER- ADD 3ML OF CORID TO 16 OZ OF DRINKING WATER

FEED RABBIT PELLETS IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS-LARGE SIZE RABBITS ½ C - DWARF RABBITS ¼ C KEEP A LARGE HANDFUL OF TIMOTHY HAY (BABIES AND JUVENILES SHOULD GET ALFALFA HAY). SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FREE CHOICE, BUT DO NOT FEED SO MUCH THAT NOT ALL IS EATEN IN 1 DAY- IT WILL GET WET AND MOLDY AND WILL MAKE THE RABBIT SICK. FEED 1 C DARK LEAFY GREENS, ¼ C OF A CARROT, ¼ APPLE.

WATER. RABBITS HAVE A VERY HIGH WATER INTAKE - A 2 KG. RABBIT WILL DRINK AS MUCH WATER AS A 10 - KG. DOG. CHECK WATER BOTTLES EACH DAY FOR PROPER OPERATION.

RABBIT, NATIVE

MOST NATIVE RABBITS DO NOT RECOGNIZE PELLETS AS FOOD. FEED FRESH GRASSES AND LEAVES WITH HAY AND 1/8 C PELLETS

RACCOON

RACCOONS ARE NOCTURNAL SO FEED AT END OF DAY SO FOOD IS FRESH WHEN HE WAKES UP.

1C CAT OR DOG FOOD, 1C CUT UP MIXED FRUIT, 3-4 SILVERSIDES, 1 CHICK, 1 RAW EGG CRACKED. GIVE LARGE, SHALLOW, NON-TIPPING DISH WITH CLEAN WATER. RACCOON WILL USE THIS BOWL TO WASH HIS FOOD AND PROBABLY DEFECATE IN IT AS WELL.

RATS- SEE RODENTS

RODENTS: MICE / RATS / GERBILS / HAMSTERS

RATS ARE PRONE TO OBESITY, HAMSTERS ARE PRONE TO OSTEOPOROSIS

RODENT BLOCK STYLE DIET FREE CHOICE, 1 t SEEDS OR 2 NUTRABERRIES, 1 t OF BITE SIZE CUT UP FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR EACH MOUSE, GERBIL, OR HAMSTER. FOR RATS GIVE THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT.

GIVE WATER BOTTLE PLACED LOW ENOUGH FOR THE ANIMAL TO REACH. CLEAN DAILY AND CHECK TO ENSURE BOTTLE IS NOT LEAKING AND MECHANISM IS WORKING PROPERLY.

DO NOT GIVE TOO MUCH SEED, PARTICULARLY SUNFLOWER, AS THEY HAVE TOO HIGH A FAT CONTENT. CHANGES IN DIET MUST BE DONE GRADUALLY - ESPECIALLY IN RATS – EVEN THOUGH THE RODENT BLOCKS ARE VERY PALATABLE, THEY OFTEN AVOID NEW FOODS.

SHEEP, ANY TYPE

SHEEP ARE RUMINANTS AND CAN DIE IF THEY EAT THE WRONG ITEM OR TOO MUCH OF CERTAIN ITEMS. FEED THE SAME WAY AS GOATS.

SKUNK- SPOTTED OR STRIPED

SKUNKS ARE NOCTURNAL AND ADULTS SHOULD BE FED AT END OF DAY SO FOOD STAYS FRESH BY THE TIME ANIMAL IS READY TO EAT.

4 -8 WEEKS OF AGE - ABOUT 4-8 INCHES LONG - 200 GRAMS - 1 KG. SHOULD BE FED 4 TIMES A DAY. IN A SMALL SHALLOW DISH PUT ½ t OF DOG FOOD SUCH AS PURINA SCIENCE DIET CANINE GROWTH SOAKED WITH ESBILAC, CHOPPED MIXED VEGETABLES, AND ADD A FEW PIECES OF MIXED FRUIT. MIX IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AND ALTERNATE: 1 t OF LOW-FAT COTTAGE CHEESE, 1t OF LOW-FAT YOGURT WITH ANOTHER MEAL, CHICKEN BABY FOOD (THIRD STAGE). ONE BOILED EGG PER WEEK.

SUGARGLIDER

IN A SHALLOW DISH **PER ANIMAL** – GIVE 1 PIECE OF MONKEY CHOW, 3-4 MEALWORMS, AND 1 CRICKET. IN A SECOND DISH PUT 1T BITE SIZE CUT UP MIXED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. ALTERNATE BETWEEN THESE ITEMS: ¼ HARDBOILED EGG WITH SHELL; FEW PIECES OF CHICKEN BABY FOOD (THIRD STAGE); ¼t OF LOW FAT COTTAGE CHEESE (NOT ALL3 IN ONE DAY). IN A THIRD DISH GIVE 1 t OF LEADBEATER MIX:

1 CUP APPLE JUICE

1 CUP HONEY

1 SHELLED HARD-BOILED EGG

1 CUP HIGH PROTEIN BABY CEREAL

1/2 CUP WHEAT GERM

2 TSP. LINATONE

MIX IN A BLENDER AND POUR INTO AIRTIGHT CONTAINER. FREEZE AND SCOOP OUT WHEN NEEDED.

SMALL SHALLOW DISH WITH WATER SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE CAGE UNTIL ABSOLUTELY SURE THE GLIDER DRINKS FROM WATER BOTTLE. CHANGE WATER DAILY AND CHECK BOTTLE TO MAKE SURE IT IS WORKING PROPERLY.

SQUIRREL, GRAY

IN A HEAVY NON-TIPPING DISH GIVE 1 t PARROTS SEEDS, 1 MONKEY CHOW BISCUIT, 2 PIECES OF RODENT BLOCK DIET. IN A SECOND DISH CUT UP MIXED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES. ONLY GIVE IN SMALL AMOUNTS: (LESS THAN 1t TOTAL): CORN SUNFLOWER SEEDS, OR 1 PEANUT OR 1 PECAN TO ENTICE EATING. NON-TIPPING DISH WITH CLEAN WATER.

SQUIRREL, FLYING

IN A SMALL DISH WITH PUT 2-3 MEALWORMS, AND ONE CRICKET WITH 1t MOISTENED DOGFOOD. IN A SECOND DISH PUT 2T BITE SIZE CUT UP MIXED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, AND ½ t PARROTS SEEDS.

IN A SHALLOW DISH PUT CLEAN WATER.

8 - 12 WEEKS OF AGE - FEED 3 TIMES A DAY. FROM 8 WEEKS OF AGE AND ON - DOG FOOD IS MIXED WITH WATER NOT FORMULA.

12 - 16 WEEKS OF AGE - FEED 2 TIMES A DAY.

16 WEEKS AND OLDER - FEED ONCE A DAY AS LATE AS POSSIBLE.