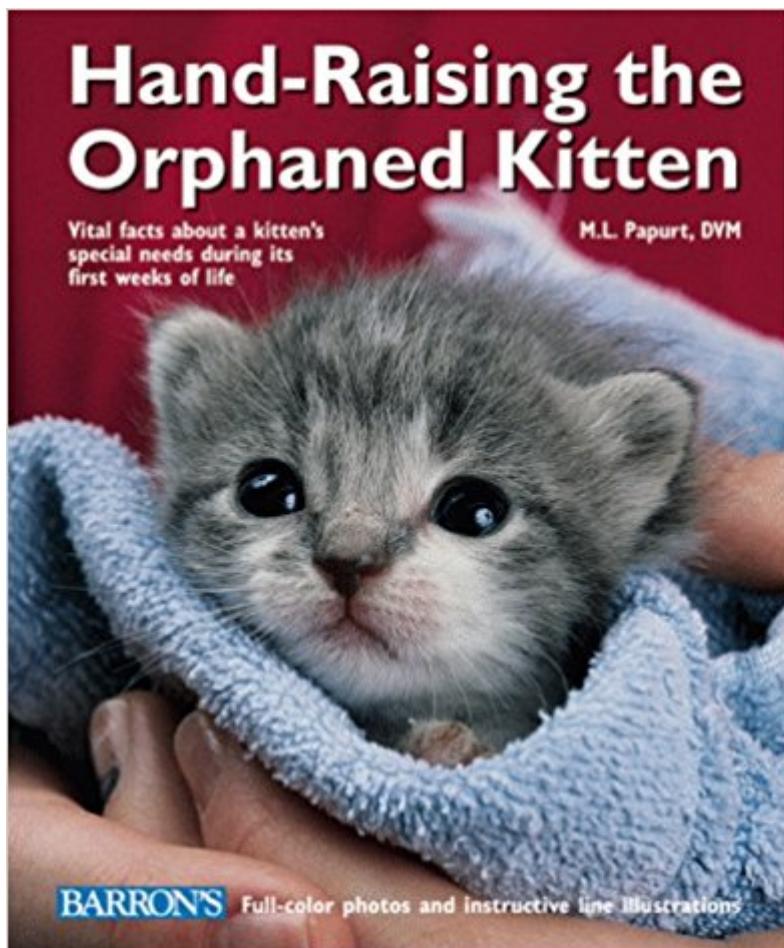


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Hand-Raising The Orphaned Kitten



Synopsis

Here's detailed advice on weaning and nurturing newborn kittens that have been orphaned or abandoned by their mother. Topics include: Equipment you'll need in order to keep newborn kittens safe and help them flourish. Instructions on keeping the animals clean, handling them correctly, and raising them to the point where they can begin to take care of themselves. Important nutritional information - setting up a feeding schedule and knowing what and how much to feed. What to do when your kittens get sick. The book includes full-color illustrations, line art, sources of equipment and supplies, and a glossary.

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I have hand-raised over 100 orphaned kittens over the last seven years for the humane society where I volunteer, and am the former manager of its temporary home care program where we care for an average of 300 orphaned kittens every year. I like some parts of this book very much but I can only recommend it with reservation. Especially good is the information on: 1) bedding materials (I liked her admonition that you want to keep the kittens warm, "not cook them"); 2) how to feed kittens from a bottle; 3) commercial and home-made milk substitutes; 4) kitten illnesses and disorders; 5) early spay-neuter of young kittens; 6) zoonosis (ie, the diseases and parasites cats and humans can transmit to each other); and 7) the terrible problem of cat overpopulation that exists today. The parts I find troubling begin with the author's suggestion that someone with orphaned kittens first attempt to find a mother cat to care for them. Dr Papurt is concerned about diseases or parasites the stepmother might pass to the kittens but doesn't mention the fact that you may be putting the mom cat at risk for contamination by the kittens, especially if you found or were given the

kittens and don't know anything about their medical history. I speak from experience -- after several success stories of adding orphans to the litters of other mother cats, I gave three orphans to a four year-old mom with one kitten of her own. We knew the history of the mother cat -- she had been an inside cat, she and her kitten had been given up for adoption after their owner died. But we knew nothing about the orphaned kittens who had been found on a farm. Within two weeks, all of the animals were dead of feline panleukopenia, spread from the orphans to the mom cat and her kitten.

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