

Orphaned Kittens Temperature Chart

Age of Kitten	Rectal Temperature ¹	Ambient Nest Temperature ²	Room Humidity ²
0-1 week	95-99° F	85-90° F	55-60%
2-3 weeks	97-100° F	79-84° F	55-60%
4 weeks	99-101° F	73.5-79° F	55-60%

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²Casal MC. Management of Orphan Puppies and Kittens, in Management of Pregnant and Neonatal Dogs, Cats and Exotic Pets, 1st edition, ed, Cheryl Lopate. Wiley-Blackwell, Ames, Iowa, 207-216, 2012.

DROP IN TEMPERTURE EFFECTS ON NEONATE - heart rate to go down, stomach and intestines slow down, and mother cat rejects newborns with cold skin.