



Milk for Possums

Suitable for all species of possums & gliders.

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	For joeys with less than 80% of pouch life completed.	Solids	160g/litre
	Furless. Pink skin.	Protein	34%
	Eyes closed to just opened.	Fat	15%
	Ears drooped.	Carbohydrate	39%
	Faeces: Yellow custard to toothpaste consistency.	Energy	3.0MJ/litre
Pack size: 160g, 800g.			

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	For joeys with greater than 80% of pouch life completed.	Solids	250g/litre
	Fur: Short soft to dense long.	Protein	32%
	Spends time out of pouch.	Fat	33%
	Faeces: Toothpaste to soft then firm green pellets.	Carbohydrate	26%
	Pack Size: 250g, 1.25kg, 5kg.	Energy	5.6MJ/litre

Supplement Feeding Adult Possums and Gliders

In the wild, omnivorous species such as brushtails, pygmy possums and sugar gliders obtain additional protein from browse, pollen and insects. In captivity, dietary protein may be enhanced by the addition of **Wombaroo High Protein Supplement** and **Wombaroo Small Carnivore Food**. Strictly folivorous species such as Ringtails and Greater Gliders should be maintained predominantly on native browse (eg young eucalypt leaves). These specialist species obtain extra protein by consuming their own cecal pellets, and do not usually require supplementary foods.

Common Ringtail Possum (*Pseudocheirus peregrinus*)*

Milk	Age (days)	Tail (mm)	Head (mm)	Weight (g)	Feed (mL/day)	Notes
<0.8	60	75	25	35	9	
	70	90	28	38	10	
	80	105	32	42	10	
	90	120	35	52	12	Eyes opening
Transition	92	123	35	54	12	9mL <0.8 + 3mL >0.8
	95	128	36	57	12	6mL <0.8 + 6mL >0.8
	98	132	37	60	12	3mL <0.8 + 9mL >0.8
>0.8	100	135	38	62	12	
	110	150	41	74	12	Emerging from pouch
	120	165	45	90	14	
	130	180	48	110	16	Fully out of pouch
	140	195	51	135	18	
Weaning	160	Growth rate now about 3-6g per day			12	Eating significant leaf
	180	Not Valid			0	Fully weaned (approx 310g)
	210					Release Age (approx 490g)

*The Western Ringtail (*Pseudocheirus occidentalis*) has a shorter pouch life and faster growth rate, first emerging from the pouch at about 95 days (125g), fully out of the pouch around 104 days (130-150g), and weaning at a heavier weight (approx.550g).

Common Brushtail Possum (*Trichosurus vulpecula*)

Milk	Age (days)	Tail (mm)	Foot (mm)	Head (mm)	Weight (g)	Feed (mL/day)	Notes
<0.8	80	67	21	36	42	10	
	90	82	26	41	58	13	
	100	98	30	45	80	17	Fine fur visible
	110	116	35	49	105	20	Eyes opening
Transition	112	120	36	50	112	20	15mL <0.8 + 5mL >0.8
	115	125	38	51	125	20	10mL <0.8 + 10mL >0.8
	118	131	40	53	140	20	15mL <0.8 + 5mL >0.8
>0.8	120	135	41	54	150	20	Emerging from pouch
	130	155	47	58	210	26	Fully Furred
	140	168	52	61	290	32	
	150	181	56	64	390	40	Fully out of pouch
Weaning	160	Growth rate now about 7-15 g per day				40	Feed volume now depends on amount of solids consumed
	180	Not Valid				20	
	200					0	Fully weaned
	250						Release Age

Sugar Glider (*Petaurus breviceps*)

Milk	Age (days)	Head (mm)	Leg (mm)	Weight (g)	Feed (mL/day)	Notes
<0.8	40	17	12	3	1.4	Pink skin, eyeslits present
	50	21	15	6	2.4	Skin Darkening
Transition	52	21	16	7	3	2mL <0.8 + 1ml >0.8
	55	22	18	9	3	1.5mL <0.8 + 1.5ml >0.8
	58	23	19	10	3	1mL <0.8 + 2ml >0.8
>0.8	60	23	20	12	3	Emerging from pouch, finely furred
	70	26	25	22	5	Eyes opening, fully furred
	80	29	30	33	7	Fully out of pouch (left in nest)
	90	32	35	44	8	
	100	35	39	54	9	Emerging from nest
	120	Growth rate now around 1g per day			0	Fully weaned (approx 75-90g)

Squirrel Glider (*Petaurus norfolcensis*)

Milk	Age (days)	Head (mm)	Leg (mm)	Weight (g)	Feed (mL/day)	Notes
<0.8	40	18	11	4	1.8	Pink skin, eyeslits present
	50	20	14	8	3	
	60	24	18	16	5	Skin darkening
Transition	62	25	19	18	5	3.5mL <0.8 + 1.5ml >0.8
	65	26	20	21	5	2.5mL <0.8 + 2.5ml >0.8
	68	27	21	23	5	1.5mL <0.8 + 3.5ml >0.8
>0.8	70	27	22	25	5	Emerging from pouch, finely furred
	80	30	27	40	8	Eyes opening, fully furred
	90	33	32	55	10	Fully out of pouch (left in nest)
	100	36	36	71	11	
	110	39	40	85	13	Emerging from nest
	130	Growth rate now around 1.5g per day			0	Fully weaned (approx 90-135g)

Other Growth Charts

Growth charts are available for several other possum species including Mountain/ Short-eared Brushtail (Bobuck), Herbert River Ringtail, Mountain Pygmy Possum and Feathertail Glider. Contact Wombaroo or visit www.wombaroo.com.au for further information.