


## Milk for Insectivorous Bats (Microbats)

 <p><b>WOMBAROO</b></p> <p>✓ REAL MOTHER'S MILK ✓ HIGH IN ENERGY ✓ DIGESTIBLE FOR COLONIES</p> <p>EASY TO USE</p> <p>BAT MILK REPLACER</p>	Bat Milk Replacer		Analysis	
	<p>A nutritionally balanced milk substitute for orphaned pups. Elevated protein &amp; energy content for rapid growth rate. Neonates may benefit from receiving Impact Colostrum Supplement.</p> <p><b>Pack size: 165g (makes 500ml).</b></p>		Solids	330g/litre
			Protein	34%
			Fat	43%
			Carbohydrate	13%
			Energy	8.0MJ/litre

### Gould's Wattled Bat (*Chalinolobus gouldii*)\*

Age (days)	Forearm (mm)	Weight (g)	Feed (mL/day)	Notes
1	21.0	3.0	1.0	Furless, 2 hourly feeds
3	24.0	3.5	1.1	Eyes Opening
5	26.0	4.0	1.2	3 hourly feeds
7	28.0	4.5	1.3	Fur growing on head & neck
9	29.5	5.2	1.4	Fur growing on belly
11	31.0	5.9	1.6	
14	33.0	7.0	1.8	Thickly-furred, 4 hourly feeds
17	35.0	8.5	2.1	
20	37.0	10.0	2.4	Introduce solid food (mealworms)
24	39.5	11.7	2.7	5 hourly feeds
28	41.5	13.1	2.8	
32	43.5	14.1	2.4	Gradually reduce milk intake and increase solid food
36	45.5	14.5	1.6	7 hourly feeds, start self-feeding
42	47.0	15.0	0.0	Fully Weaned (adult size)

\*Growth rate & developmental stages may be used as a guideline for other similar-sized species of microbat.

## Weaning

When pups are about 20 days old (fully-furred) they can be offered small mealworms with the heads removed and contents squeezed into the mouth. By about 28 days they should be able to eat whole mealworms, and milk volumes may be gradually reduced as insect consumption increases. Once self-feeding, bats may be encouraged to eat **Wombaroo Small Carnivore Food**, made up as a moist crumble, supplemented with a variety of live insects.