A black and white puppy is lying on a yellow towel. A medical syringe is visible in the bottom left corner. The background is dark.

Resuscitation of a Neonate Puppy or Kitten in a Few Steps

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Prepare the Area!

Clean & warm

- Nothing microwaved. We want to warm not burn them!
- Air or water blanket heat

Oxygen

- Ideally not from an anesthesia machine, but if that's all you have then change the line and flush, flush, flush the system to avoid giving any residual anesthesia inhalant

Here They Come!!!



- Wash your dirty hands & wear gloves!
- Grab a baby and start rubbing dry!
 - Rigorous thoracic rubbing will stimulate them to breathe
- Suction the mouth and nares gently with a bulb syringe.
- Give flow by oxygen until they are pink! They will be blue at first. Oxygen on them until they pink up and start wiggling.
- Do not fling the neonate!!!

Failing to Thrive?

No Doxapram!

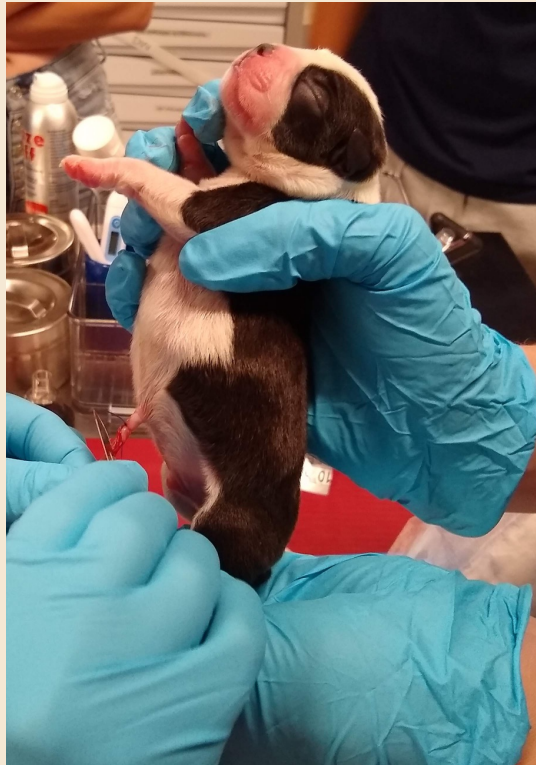
Neonates do not have the oxygen carrier capacity needed for this drug.

If not breathing well after a few minutes, try the acupuncture point in the nasal philtrum with a 25-gauge needle

Still not thriving after 15-20 minutes?

- Try a small drop of 50% dextrose under the tongue
- Bradycardic for an extended period try one drop of epinephrine under the tongue.

Tie off the Umbilical Once Resuscitated



Place absorbable suture around umbilical stump

Cut off excess umbilical cord

That's it!
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Have Healthy
Babies!



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