

# The Ultimate Beginner's Guide to Hand Rearing Piglets



## Beginner's Guide to Hand Rearing Piglets: For the everyday farmer

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Hand rearing piglets can be a rewarding experience, but it also requires a lot of knowledge and care. This guide will provide you with everything you need to know to successfully hand rear piglets, from colostrum feeding and housing to nutrition and weaning.

## 1. Colostrum Feeding

Colostrum is the first milk that a piglet receives from its mother. It is rich in antibodies that help protect the piglet from disease. It is essential that piglets receive colostrum within the first 24 hours of life. If the piglet's mother is unable to provide colostrum, you will need to bottle-feed the piglet with a colostrum replacement.

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- Colostrum can be Free Downloadd from farm supply stores or veterinary clinics.
- To bottle-feed a piglet, hold the piglet upright and insert the nipple of the bottle into the piglet's mouth. Gently squeeze the bottle to release the colostrum.
- Feed the piglet 2 ounces of colostrum every 2 hours for the first 24 hours of life.

## **2. Housing**

Piglets need a warm, dry place to live. The ideal temperature for piglets is between 75 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit. You can provide a warm environment for piglets by using a heat lamp or a brooder. Piglets also need a place to sleep that is free from drafts. You can provide a sleeping area for piglets by using a piglet hut or a cardboard box.

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- Keep the piglets' housing area clean and free from manure.

### **3. Nutrition**

Piglets need a diet that is high in protein and energy. You can feed piglets a commercial piglet feed or you can make your own piglet feed using a recipe from a farm supply store or veterinary clinic. Piglets should be fed 3 times a day. The amount of feed that you should give each piglet will depend on its age and weight.

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- Make sure that piglets have access to fresh water at all times.

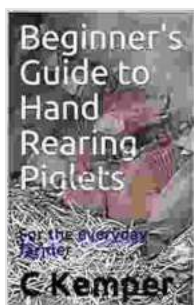
### **4. Weaning**

Piglets are typically weaned from their mother at 6 to 8 weeks of age. Weaning can be a stressful time for piglets, so it is important to do it gradually. Start by reducing the number of times that you feed the piglet per day. Then, gradually decrease the amount of milk that you give the piglet at each feeding. Eventually, the piglet will be able to wean itself from its mother.

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