**Digestive Issues – Vomiting/Diarrhea**

**Switching Formulas Cold Turkey**

**We use these steps for problems with prolonged diarrhea/vomiting, white diarrhea etc… or if a puppy has been fed a different formula than we have access to for more than 3 feedings, (switching formulas cold turkey) fosters please follow these steps:**

**Note: Giving drops of liver water as per the liver water recipe the whole time using this protocol is recommended if possible.**

1. Give straight Pedialyte and liver water drops ONLY (no formula) for 12 hours. Same feeding schedule (every 2 hours for a newborn) and same amount you would normally feed puppy (goal 1ml per 1oz of body weight) just Pedialyte, no formula. (if newborn and you are transporting without a scale ask breeder for weight and if they don’t know I would guess small – better to underfeed until you get to a scale than overfeed and risk vomiting)
2. Next mix the formula Pedialyte at 25% concentration of mixing instructions on the formula can and feed another 6 hours (3 feedings)
3. After that 6 hours mix formula with Pedialyte at 50% concentration and feed another 6 hours (3 feedings)
4. After that 6 hours mix formula with Pedialyte at 75% concentration and feed another 6 hours (3 feedings)
5. After that 6 hours you should be back at normal concentration of formula mixture/Pedialyte as instructed on the formula can.
6. **Pedialyte is only good for 48 hours after opening so when you’re within 8 hours of the 48 hour expiration start gradually adding purified water back in when mixing formula. At the 48 hour mark dispose of all Pedialyte and only use purified water for mixing.**

Note: All these feeding times and concentration levels are based on a puppy doing well during the each transition. If your puppy is experiencing any difficulties (vomiting, diarrhea, constipation) reach out to a director or another foster for help and if you’re not with our rescue reach out to your vet.

**Disclaimer… For those outside of our rescue… This is what our rescue does, it works for us BUT we are not veterinarians! Please ALWAYS consult your veterinarian before following anyone else’s opinion.**