



KIT FOSTERING PROTOCOL

This may be used as-is, or as an example which ranchers can use to develop their own protocol

- Females with litters greater than 8, the extra kits should be fostered; if possible, to other females with less than 6 kits.(This can depend on color)
- Females that are struggling to maintain growth in their kits and/or are not demonstrating good mothering behavior; those kits should be fostered to another litter. Where appropriate, 1 or 2 kits can be left with the original female.
- If a female becomes sick, her kits should be fostered to another litter or depending on age moved to the kit hospital.
- Fostered kits should be moved into litters of the same size kits, if possible.
- Kits that are 21 days old or older can be moved directly into a kit hospital.
- For late litters that are having problems; foster or wean all the kits from a female with an early litter and give her the whole litter from the sick late female.