## **Orphaned Kitten Physical Exam**

Birth: -100 g (2-4 oz)	EXAM	NORMAL FINDING	ABNORMAL FINDING
Gain 7-10% of birth weight each day (10-15g)	Weight	• Birth: ~100 g (2-4 oz.)	Underweight for age
Weight doubles by 2 weeks		Gain 7-10% of birth weight each day	Not gaining weight
Bright and alert		,	
Hardly cries   O-G weeks: Plump and round   Thin body condition			
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