

NEWLY-HATCHED PSITTACINES (2nd stage)

PROTOCOL FOR FORMULA FEEDING

Feeding during the neonatal stage requires the use of products with a higher concentration in protein and energy (to a great extent as fat) in order to achieve the high growth rates typical of this stage.

PSITTACUS Neonatal formula can be used since hatching, although we recommend it be used from the first week of age in psittacine birds. It is apt for breeding most psittacine species.

The length of use of this formula is short, but very important. The first growth stages of the birds are crucial for their correct development. **In order to ensure the optimal health condition of the chicks, it is essential for their growth rate to be similar to that of other birds bred by their parents.**

We recommend feeding the formula in a concentration of solids of 25%. For that, the formula will be prepared by adding 3 parts of water (in weight) for each part of product. The proportions will be measured by weighing both components. The texture of the mix should be similar to that of shaken yoghurt. With this level of concentration, the use of the nutrients is maximized, the chick is well hydrated and the best possible speed of the digestive transit is ensured. The formula prepared this way, although its fluid texture does not make it obvious, is extremely rich in nutrients and favours excellent growth rates without the need for overfilling the bird's crop. A higher concentration of solids will not bring any added advantage, and it could, however, slow down the process of emptying the crop and produce an excessive feeling of satiety.



NEONATAL CARE OF AFRICAN GREY PARROTS

- From day 7 to day 14, 6 formula feeding will be given to the newly-born grey parrots. Here is an example of the feeding schedule: 7 h – 10 h – 13 h – 17 h – 20 h – 23 h.
- From 14 days of age, the birds will be fed exclusively with *PSITTACUS Neonatal* up to 28 days of age. We recommend giving 5 and, immediately 4, formula feeding a day.
- When the first wing feathers begin to show, it is time to start using the continuation formula *PSITTACUS Alta Energía*.

