



These are bats #97 & 98 rescued in Rosthern by the house owner. In 2008 she rescued 6 babies that had blown down her chimney and Julie Faluti and I managed to raise 3 of them for release at Blackstrap.

This year, once again during a big rainstorm the babies were blown down. Bats cannot retrieve their babies from the ground because they must take off from a height. Also Melanie cannot climb up chimneys or crawl around on human's roofs.

They weighed 5 and 7 grams when I received them. The home owner is a nurse and started them on cow's milk. I have given them Kitten Milk Replacer - KMR with a small syringe with a narrow feeding tip. Later I switched to goat milk replacer. They started with 0.2ml and now are up to 1ml 4 times a day. The larger bat is stretching his wings now. Eventually will let them practice fly and then soft release into my bat houses on the side of our house. Free!

In the first image I tried to line them up to measure- not luck.

#2 shows the belly with the milk filled stomach, belly button, big Velcro feet and little penis.

#3 feeding position- got to line up the head and warm up the tummy. To start I drip a little milk into the fold of my thumb and they find it, lap a bit then will drink from the dropper tip. Also shows ears, eyes (NOT blind) and thumbs.

#4 Last drop, eyes closed, ready to nap.

Cost: KMR \$13

Goat milk replacer - gift from Jan Shadick

Volunteer time -millions

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