

Re: Failing duck hatchling

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On May 27, 2:34 am, Grizzly <N...@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

diddy wrote:

in thread <news:Xns993CD472BBF75danny@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx:diddy>
<d...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> whittled the following words:

One of my newborns (2 days) got tangled in a fence. He spent the night struggling, and fighting, and this morning, we extracted him and he was weak. It's been a hot day and he's dehydrated, and has not sought food like the other ducklings and is fading away. What can I give him before it's too late?

Never mind, It's too late

Hindsight is 20/20 and with any bird, usually by the time they show that they are failing healthwise it is too late to save them. They are prey animals and they will perk up just to show the nearby predator (you) that they are not easy pickings. Sorry for your loss.

Hi!

I've had good success with using cattle vitamins or dog/cat vitamins diluted in warm water. If using a dog/cat tablet, use 1/4 tablet to about a cup of water and feed by dropper a few drops at time, but often. Nearly dead babies have been found perky and bright the next morning. Cattle vitamins need math and much dilution in order to not overdose.

This all assumes that the duckling is brought indoors, kept warm, dry, quiet and safe while it recuperates.

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Don't know exactly why it works (though I have a few ideas) but when I tried it several times out of desperation, it did work. It's now standard operation for weak birds on our farm.

Best of luck!

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