

I Found Kittens - Now What?

**START
HERE**

Are the kittens visibly injured or hurt?

YES

Take the kittens to a veterinary clinic, immediately!

NO

Estimate the age of the kittens, based on their appearance.



1-2 WEEKS OLD

Eyes still closed or just beginning to open



2-4 WEEKS OLD

Eyes open and alert; becoming mobile



4-6 WEEKS OLD

Very mobile and often talkative; can eat food



6-8 WEEKS OLD

Very active and playful; around 1-2 pounds



8+ WEEKS OLD

Very active and playful; 2 pounds or more

Can you see their nest or hiding place?

YES

Gently return the kittens to their nest where their mother can care for them.

NO

If in danger, move the kittens to a safe space and watch from a distance.

Does the mother cat return to care for the kittens?*

YES

Leave the kittens where they are and contact your local TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) group.

NO

Are you willing to take responsibility for the kittens?

YES

Great! Contact your local shelter for age-specific information on how to care for the kittens and provide them with the everything they need.**

You can make an appointment to surrender the kittens to your local shelter or rescue group when they are 8 weeks old.

By law, Operation Kindness is not permitted to take in stray animals, including found kittens. Municipal shelters and rescues that lack space or medical resources are able to transfer kittens to Operation Kindness for care.

NO

Contact your local shelter for guidance.

*A nervous mother cat may not return if you are present. Make a ring of flour around the kittens and check back for mom's footprints.

**NEVER feed a kitten cow's milk. Kittens need specific formula for cats.



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