If you find kittens

Are the kittens visibly sick or injured?

- Yes: Take the kittens to a veterinary clinic immediately.
- No: Estimate the kittens’ age by what they look like.

Estimate the kittens’ age by what they look like:

- Eyes still closed or just beginning to open: 1–2 weeks old
- Eyes open and alert, becoming mobile: 2–4 weeks old
- Very mobile and often talkative, can eat food: 4–6 weeks old
- Very active and playful, weighs 1–2 lbs.: 6–8 weeks old
- Very active and playful, weighs 2 lbs. or more: 8+ weeks old

Can you see the nest or hiding spot?

- Yes: Gently return kittens to the nest where the mother cat can provide care.
- No: If in danger, move the kittens to a safe space and watch from a distance.

Are you willing to take full responsibility for the kittens?

- No: If the mother doesn’t return after 6+ hours.
- Yes: Bring the kittens to a local shelter.

Great! Take the kittens to your local vet and get started on vaccinations and spay/neuter as early as 8 weeks old. Raise the kittens until they are old enough to be adopted, usually at 8 weeks, or make an appointment at your local shelter to surrender them.