

# What to do 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

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

If the mother doesn't return after 6+ hours

**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**

Bring the kittens to a local shelter

**YES**

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