# What To Do If **You Find Kittens**



## Are the kittens visibly sick or injured?

Yes: Contact your local animal welfare organization or shelter that can help you assess whether the kittens need intervention. If that isn't possible, take the kittens to a veterinarian immediately.

No: Estimate how old the kittens are based on how they look.



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



6-8 weeks old Very active and playful. Weighs 1-2 pounds



8+ weeks old Very active and playful. Weighs 2 pounds or more

Avoid handling the kittens and watch them from a distance for 10-12 hours. If the kittens seem healthy and content, mom will usually return when she feels it's safe. If the kittens are exposed, attempt to find a safe hiding spot nearby, move them and monitor them from a safe distance for 10-12 hours.

## Did mom return?

#### **YES**

Great! Leave kittens alone for now. When the kittens are eight or more weeks old they can be scheduled for spay/neuter surgery along with mom.

### NO

These kittens may need your help and you'd make a great rescuer. If you can't foster them yourself, contact a local animal welfare group for guidance.

Kittens this age usually don't need much from people or their mom. As long as they are not in immediate danger, you can contact a local provider to schedule spay/neuter surgery



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