



# 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 the way 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; 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 group.

**NO**

Are you willing to take responsibility for the kittens?

**YES**

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

If you are going to care for the kittens as outdoor cats, contact your local TNR group for information on how to care for them. Please note, orphaned kittens who are not eating on their own need more care and cannot be kept outside.

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

**NO**

Contact your local shelter or rescue group.

\*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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