

I Found Kittens. Now What?



THIS CHART WILL HELP YOU TAKE STEPS TO MAKE THE BEST DECISIONS FOR THEIR CARE!

Do any of the kittens appear sick or injured?

YES

STOP!
Take them to the ER or to a vet as soon as possible.

NO

Estimate the kittens' age based on 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, can eat solid food:
4-6 WEEKS OLD

Very active & playful, weighs 1-2 lbs.:
6-8 WEEKS OLD

Very active & playful, weighs 2+ lbs.:
8+ WEEKS OLD

Do you see their mother around?

NO

YES

Has she returned to her kittens within a few hours?

NO

YES

TIP: Avoid handling the kittens and watch them from a distance to see if the mama cat returns to care for them.

Are the kittens social and friendly with people?

YES

NO

YES

KITTEN CARE

Visit kittenlady.org/kitten-care to learn how to care for the kittens until they are old enough for adoption at 8 weeks. Or contact HSHC for assistance.

FEED & MONITOR

Mother cats take expert care of their kittens. Provide food and if friendly, proceed to Find Loving Homes step. If not, proceed to TNRM step.

FIND HOMES

Continue to socialize the kittens while you search for loving families to commit to providing routine vet care and spay/neuter surgery.

TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN-MONITOR

Kittens over 4 months old cannot be socialized but can live long, healthy lives outdoors. Find a local TNRM program. Acting quickly is key.

CONTACT LOCAL SHELTER/RESCUE

If you are unable or unsure about caring for the kittens or assuming responsibility for them, contact HSHC or a local rescue.

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