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**

**Has she returned to her kittens within a few hours?**

- **NO**
  - **KITTEN CARE**
    - Visit kittenhelp.org for tips on how to care for the kittens until they are old enough for adoption at 8 weeks. Or contact HSHC for assistance.

- **YES**
  - **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.

**Are the kittens social and friendly with people?**

- **NO**
  - **ARE THE KITTENS SOCIAL AND FRIENDLY WITH PEOPLE?**
  - **YES**
    - **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, contact HSHC or a local rescue.

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