

WHAT TO DO IF YOU'VE FOUND KITTENS



Are the kittens visibly sick or injured?

YES

Take the kittens to a veterinary clinic or local shelter immediately for care.

NO

Estimate the kittens' age by what they look like.



1-2 weeks old:
Eyes closed or just beginning to open



2-4 weeks old:
Eyes open; alert & becoming mobile



4-6 weeks old:
Mobile & talkative, can eat food



6-8 weeks old:
Active & playful; 1-2 lbs



8+ weeks old:
Very active & playful; Over 2 lbs

Can you see the nest or hiding spot?

YES

Gently return the kittens to the nest where the mama cat can provide care.

NO

If in danger, move the kittens to a safe place and watch from a distance.

What if the mama cat doesn't return after 6+ hours?

Are you willing to take full responsibility for the kittens as a foster parent until they're ready for a home?

NO

Contact your local animal shelter for care and rehoming ideas.

YES

Great! Take the kittens to your vet for a check-up, get started on vaccinations, and spay/neuter as early as 8 weeks old before rehoming them. For assistance with placement, contact a local rescue or the shelter.



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