



# FOUND KITTENS? DON'T KITNAP!

What to do if you find kittens alone.



Kittens have the best chance of survival with their mothers. They require around-the-clock care and are at-risk for illness in a shelter.

**So what should you do if you find kittens?**

**STOP. Don't remove them immediately!**

**If they are critically ill or injured, take them to an emergency vet.**

**If they appear healthy, estimate their age:**



## 1-2 Weeks

Eyes still closed or barely beginning to open.



## 2-4 Weeks

Eyes open and alert, starting to move around.



## 4-6 Weeks

Very mobile and talkative, can eat food.



## 6-8 Weeks

Very active and playful, weighs 1-2 lbs.



## 8+ Weeks

Very active and playful, weighs 2lbs or more.

### **DON'T HANDLE THE KITTENS.**

Wait to see if mom returns, and if she does, leave them alone.

**If she doesn't return after 6 hours, take action.**

### **TAKE ACTION!**

1. If the kittens seem sick or injured, take them to an emergency vet clinic.
2. Contact your local shelters and offer to foster the kittens until they are old enough for adoption. If fostering for Friends of Strays, we will provide all the supplies and training you need!
3. For more resources, visit [friendsofstrays.org](http://friendsofstrays.org).

**Taking underage kittens to a shelter should be the last resort.**