

# DON'T KIT-NAP KITTENS!

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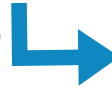
Mom offers the best chance for survival & will likely return.  
**Follow the steps below** to determine if they are in need of help:

ARE THE KITTENS SICK OR INJURED?

NO



YES



Contact your local animal control agency.

USE THIS GUIDE TO ESTIMATE THE AGE OF THE KITTENS:



**0-2 WEEKS**  
eyes are closed or barely open



**2-4 WEEKS**  
eyes are open and alert; they're becoming mobile



**4-6 WEEKS**  
very mobile and often talkative; can eat food



**6-8 WEEKS**  
very active & playful; around 1-2 pounds



**8+ WEEKS**  
very active and playful; 2 pounds or more



CAN YOU SEE THE MOM OR NEST?

YES



Hooray! Let mom care for them until they're 8 weeks old.

**TIP:** Leave a ring of flour around the kittens then check back to see if you see mom's footprints.

NO



Are you sure?  
Mom may be off hunting or scared to come around unfamiliar people. watch for a few hours to see if she returns.

**MOM CAME BACK**

If the kittens are friendly, try posting on social media or reach out to friends to try placing them in homes.

**STILL NO MOM**

If mom has vanished for more than 8 hours, the kittens are likely orphans. Consider fostering and care for them in your home until they're 8 weeks old.

Once the kittens are 8 weeks old, make sure both mom and kittens are spayed/neutered!  
Visit [spca.org/clinic](http://spca.org/clinic) to make an appointment.

If the cats aren't tame or you have any questions regarding their care, please call our main phone line at: **214-742-7722**