

HELP, I FOUND A KITTEN!

Found kittens outside and don't know what to do?

This flowchart will help you take steps to make the best decisions for their care!

ARE THE KITTENS 8 WEEKS OR OLDER?

Visit alleycat.org/KittenProgression to help determine how old the kittens are.

NO

YES

ARE THE KITTENS WITH MOM?

TIP:
Newborn, or "neonatal," kittens have closed eyes, folded ears, and can't walk. Be extra careful with these fragile babies.

ARE THE KITTENS FRIENDLY?

NO

YES

YES

NO

DID MOM COME BACK A FEW HOURS LATER?

TIP:
Eight-week-old kittens play, behave, and look like adult cats. They should weigh at least 2 pounds and can be spayed or neutered!

NO

YES

KITTEN CARE



Without mom to care for them, these kittens need your help! Neonatal kittens especially require round-the-clock care including bottle-feedings.

Go here for more help:
alleycat.org/Neonatal

FAMILY CARE



Foster kittens with mom until they are 8 weeks old. Neuter and find homes for them. If mom is not friendly, she can be returned to her colony.

Go here for more help:
alleycat.org/MomAndKittens

FIND NEW HOME



Ask a veterinarian to examine and spay or neuter the kittens. Then find homes where the kittens can be socialized to people.

Go here for more help:
alleycat.org/Socialization

TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN



Kittens over 4 months old cannot be socialized, but will live long, healthy outdoor lives. Neuter and vaccinate before returning them to their colony.

Go here for more help:
alleycat.org/TNR