

What to do if I find KITTENS?



ASSESS:

Are the kittens visibly sick or injured?
(Dirty, crusty eyes, underweight)

YES



TAKE ACTION!

Kittens that are visibly sick or injured may have been abandoned by the mother. Take them to an emergency veterinarian immediately, or contact us at **951-358-7387**.

NO



Estimate the age of the kittens



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 2 lbs or more.

WAIT!

Kittens at this age are best left with their mother. Most likely, she is nearby and still caring for them.



Kittens at this age are able to be socialized and adopted out.

Do you see the nest or hiding area?

YES

Avoid handling the kittens and leave them where they are. Watch from a distance for 6-8 hours to ensure the mother has returned.

NO

Gently move the kittens to a safe spot nearby. Watch from a distance for 6-8 hours to ensure the mother has returned.

TAKE ACTION!

Are the kittens friendly?

Consider using social media to network and find homes for the kittens.

Consider becoming a foster parent.

Department of Animal Services can help provide you with the tools needed to care for the kittens until they are old enough to adopt.

Ask us about Trap-Neuter-Return services.

Feral and stray cats can become part of our Community Cat Program. Contact us to find out more information.

For more information or assistance, please contact us at **951-358-7387** or shelterinfo@rivco.org.

IF THE MOTHER DOES NOT RETURN

Learn more at www.RCDAS.org/5000-cat-challenge