

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU FIND KITTENS



If you suspect the kittens are sick, injured, cold to the touch, or if they are showing other signs of distress like crying noisily and continuously or are very wet or dirty, call the Ottawa Humane Society at 613-725-3166. For after-hours support, call the City of Ottawa at 3-1-1.

If the kittens are healthy, but in a dangerous location, you should move them to a safe location nearby, place them in a shallow box and monitor to make sure the mom finds them. If mom doesn't return, refer to the chart.



IF THE KITTENS ARE SAFE, WELL, AND HEALTHY, ESTIMATE THE AGE OF THE KITTENS

0-4 WEEKS



HAS THE MOM BEEN AWAY FOR LONGER THAN 4 HOURS?

YES

Are you sure? Mom may be nearby searching for food or hiding from you. If mom hasn't returned in four hours, these kittens need your help.

Call the OHS at ext. 221 to arrange an intake. For after-hours support call the City of Ottawa at 3-1-1.

NO

That's good! Kittens have a much higher survival rate with mom. Let them stay in their nesting area with mom until they are at least 8 weeks of age.

For more information on helping community cats, contact our Feline Services team at ext. 287.

4-8 WEEKS



HAS THE MOM BEEN AWAY FOR LONGER THAN 8 HOURS?

YES

Thank you! You can join our Kitten Caretaker Program to help these kittens have a happy and healthy upbringing.

For program details or to learn more about caring for abandoned kittens, call the OHS at ext. 221.

8+ WEEKS



ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WILLING TO CARE FOR THEM?

YES

Ensure mom is not nearby searching for food or hiding from you. If mom does not return, or if the kittens are 8+ weeks of age, these kittens need your help.

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NO