

# WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU FIND KITTENS



**Worried about the kittens' health?** If the kittens or their mom are sick, injured, cold to the touch, or showing other signs of distress like crying noisily and continuously or are very wet or dirty, call the Ottawa Humane Society right away for support. For after-hours support, call the City of Ottawa at 3-1-1.

**Worried about the kittens' location?** If the kittens are in a dangerous location, move them somewhere safe nearby, place them in a shallow box and monitor to make sure the mom finds them. If mom doesn't return after a few hours, call the OHS at 613-725-3166 ext. 223.

## 0 - 8 WEEKS OF AGE

### MOM AND KITTENS



**Leave the kittens with their mom.**

The mother is the best possible caregiver and these kittens don't need our intervention. You can support the litter by making a few essentials like shelter, food and water available.

For more information on how to help community cats and socialize outdoor kittens, contact our Feline Services team at ext. 287.

### KITTENS ONLY



**Take time to watch for their mom.**

Do not assume that the mother cat is not providing care. She is likely out looking for food or may be hiding from you. Watch for a few hours from a hidden spot to see if she returns.

If mom does not return, these kittens need your help. Call the OHS at ext. 223 or for after-hours support, call the City of Ottawa at 3-1-1.

**Need help determining the kittens' age? Contact our Feline Services team at ext. 287.**

## 8+ WEEKS OF AGE



Kittens of this age are weaned from their mother and are ready to start a life of their own. They need to have lots of positive experiences with people and receive medical care like vaccines and neuter as soon as possible.

To arrange an intake to the OHS, call ext. 223 or for after-hours support, call the City of Ottawa at 3-1-1.