

Found Kittens?

Are they injured, sick, or in danger?

Yes: these kittens may need help.

Is there traffic or a predator? Do they have wounds? Are their eyes crusted shut? Are they dirty or too thin?

We can help!

See hours and contact information below.

No: estimate the age of the kittens. Use the chart below to learn more about how and when to help.



0-2 weeks
Eyes closed or barely open



2-4 weeks
Eyes open and alert; becoming mobile



4-6 weeks
Very mobile and often talkative; can eat food



6-8 weeks
Very active and playful; around 1-2 pounds



8+ weeks
Very active and playful; 2 pounds or more

STOP: Can you see the mom cat or a nest?

Yes: Don't kit-nap!

Leave the kittens where they are. A kitten's best chance of survival is with mom.

No: Are you sure?

Watch for a few hours to see if she comes back. Mom may be off hunting or not want to come around if people are present.

Still no mom?

We can help!

Bring them to HSSW.

See hours and contact info below or visit hssw.org/straykittens for more information.

Consider fostering!

If you have found abandoned kittens under 6 weeks of age, consider fostering. Caring for the kittens in your home not only saves their lives, it allows us to prioritize space for those who are most in need. We can even help with supplies and information about caring for the kittens. And once they're old enough to be spayed or neutered, we will take them in and help them find new, loving homes.

Learn more at hssw.org/straykittens.