

# 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](http://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](http://alleycat.org/Neonatal)

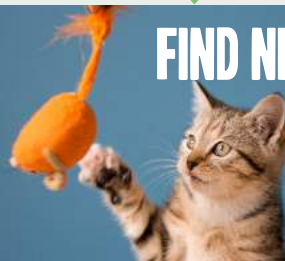
## FAMILY CARE



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](http://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](http://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](http://alleycat.org/TNR)