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!

IF KITTENS APPEAR TO BE ILL OR INJURED, bring them to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA* immediately or call 626.792.7151.

ARE THE KITTENS 8 WEEKS OR OLDER?
Visit pasadenahumane.org/kittens to help determine how old the kittens are.

NO

ARE THE KITTENS WITH MOM?

YES

TIP: Newborn, or “neonatal,” kittens have closed eyes, folded ears, and can’t walk. Be extra careful with these fragile babies.

NO

DID MOM COME BACK A FEW HOURS LATER?

YES

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

KITTEN CARE
Without mom to care for them, these kittens need your help! Neonatal kittens especially require round-the-clock care including bottle-feedings.

KEEP WITH MOM
If healthy, leave kittens with mom until eating solid food. Then trap entire family for spay/neuter. Release mom and adopt out kittens.

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.

TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN-MONITOR
Kittens over 4 months old who cannot be socialized should be neutered, vaccinated, returned to where they were found, and monitored over time.

The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA is here to support you every step of the way. For more information about kitten care and TNR, visit pasadenahumane.org/kittens

* The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA accepts orphaned kittens from the following cities: Altadena, Arcadia, Bradbury, Glendale, La Canada, La Crescenta-Montrose, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Marino, Sierra Madre, and South Pasadena.
**FOUND KITTEN DOs & DON'Ts**

**DO monitor the situation.**
Before you act, watch the kittens from a distance. The mother cat is probably nearby. If she doesn’t return within 4-6 hours, they may need assistance.

**DON’T move the kittens**
Unless they’re in danger, it’s best to leave unweaned kittens outside so the mother cat can care for them. If you must do something, you can place the kittens in a crate, but do not change their location.

**DO be careful when handling kittens.**
Baby kittens have a developing immune system and you may inadvertently give them disease. Older kittens may not be friendly and may scratch or bite you if startled or scared.

**DON’T panic.**
If you are unable to care for unweaned kittens and they are truly orphaned, we can take them in.

**DO volunteer to foster the kittens.**
If you determine the kittens are orphaned and you decide to care for them, we can provide resources to make your experience successful.

**DO keep orphaned kittens separated from your pets** to prevent fights and minimize the transmission of disease and parasites. Be sure your pets are up to date on vaccines.

**DON’T let the cycle continue!**
**Spay or neuter!** Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA offers public spay/neuter for owned and community cats.

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