

DON'T KIT-NAP KITTENS!

What to do when you find kittens

- Wait and watch. If you find a litter of kittens, do NOT touch or disturb them.
- If you do not see their mother, it does not mean they are abandoned. The mother may be searching for food, or even hiding from you.
- Check on the kittens, from a distance, for several hours to see if the mother returns.
- Assess the current conditions of the kittens with the following questions.



Are the kittens visibly sick or injured?

Yes
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No
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Are the kittens at least 8+ weeks old?

Yes
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No
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Has the mother been away for more than 8 hours?

Yes
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No
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If the kittens are sick or injured, carefully take the kittens, and mother (if present), to the FWACC shelter or your local vet clinic.

If the kittens are at least 8 weeks old, they can be spayed/neutered through TNR (trap neuter return) programs. Email FWACCtnr@fortworthtexas.gov for more information.

You'd make a great foster for the kittens until they are 8 weeks of age! At that point, they can be spayed/neutered and placed up for adoption. Email FWACCfoster@fortworthtexas.gov to learn about our foster program.

Wait and watch. Although tempting, do NOT touch or disturb them. It is rare for a mother to abandon her kittens. If the mom returns, leave them undisturbed until they are 8 weeks old or at least 2 pounds. Only take them to the shelter if one of the above conditions are present.

Got questions?
Contact 817-392-1234.

