

You found kittens. Now what?

STOP. Look for the mother cat.

A kitten's best chance at surviving and thriving is to stay with its mother. She is likely nearby, getting food, or waiting for you to leave so she can return to the nest. Stand far away or go away completely for a couple of hours to see if the mother cat will return to the kittens. ***DO NOT KITNAP KITTENS!**

*If the kittens appear injured, sick, or in immediate danger in an unsafe environment, it may be best to intervene immediately. Consult SafeHaven if you have questions.

Mom returns?

You can support the family by providing food and shelter, and most importantly, getting them spayed/neutered. Around six weeks is the [optimal age](#) to intervene with additional care, such as socialization, vaccination, and deworming – SafeHaven can help! Call (541) 928-6280 or email intake@safehavenhumane.com to set up an Admissions appointment.

No mom?

You'd make a great foster parent! Contact SafeHaven for more information and support. All intake fees are waived if you are able to foster the kittens. We'll cover the costs of vaccines, spay/neuter surgery, and provide food and other supplies (when supplies are available) while you provide the love and care. Once the kittens are ready, they can be adopted out to loving homes through SafeHaven.

Emergency?

If the kittens or mother cat are experiencing a true medical emergency, take them to a local veterinarian. You can also try animal shelters like SafeHaven and local rescues.

Stop the cycle

The best way to help cats is to have them spayed or neutered to stop the cycle of kitten births. Look for local [Trap-Neuter-Return](#) options and stop cats from reproducing by taking the steps to get them altered.

For more information and resources visit: <https://safehavenhumane.org/services/>

What is "kitten season"? A busy time in the animal shelter world where an increase in cat and kitten intake is seen. The most typical kitten season for SafeHaven is from April – October. During the height of kitten season, it is not unusual for 250 animals to be in foster care in the span of a month.

