

*Help!*

# I FOUND A KITTEN

(OR TWO OR THREE...)

*What do I do now?*



Here are a few things to consider



# KITTEN CONDITION



## Good Condition

- Clean and Alert
- Chunky and well-fed
- Not in distress
- In a safe place, not exposed to any extreme weather or hazards

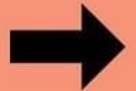
These kittens have likely been cared for by their mother recently. She is likely nearby finding food and could be gone for several hours. Stay a distance away and check back often to see if the mother comes back.



## Poor Condition

- Dirty or covered in waste
- Noticeably sick
- Visibly underweight
- In distress or danger

These kittens may be orphaned or abandoned and need an immediate intervention.



# KITTEN AGE



## 0-5 weeks

- Closed or newly open eyes
- Uncoordinated movements
- Dependent on nursing

These kittens should be kept with mom, either by trapping the family for foster care or by leaving with mom until weaned.



## 5-12 weeks

- Playful and coordinated
- Able to walk and run
- Eating food independently

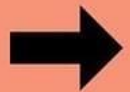
These kittens are within the socialization window, and are an ideal age to take in and socialize for adoption.



## 12+ weeks

- Typically 3+ pounds
- No longer nursing
- Proportionate or lanky body

These kittens will be more difficult to socialize, and they may have the best outcome if sterilized and returned to their environment.





# A QUESTION FOR YOU:

Are you interested in temporarily fostering mom and kittens until they are old enough to be adopted? The Animal Center will provide you with the resources.

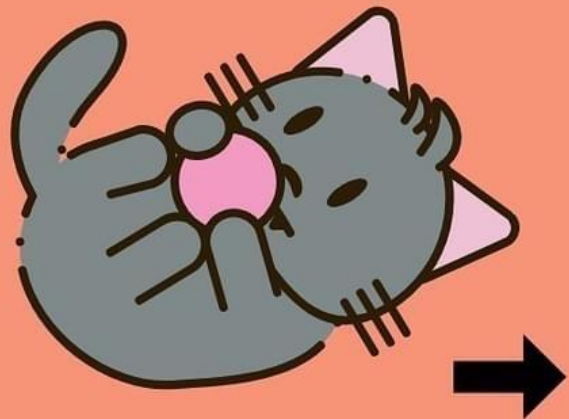
There are two finder foster options available:

## OPTION ONE

Kittens can be brought in to the Animal Center for incoming exams and be entered into our foster program. You will need to follow foster program guidelines. Mother will be spayed once kittens are weaned. Kittens will also be spayed and neutered once they are the appropriate age and weight. Mother and Kittens will be put up for adoption through the Animal Center once the kittens are weaned.

## OPTION TWO

Kittens remain in your care until adoption age. The Animal Center will provide food only. You can choose to re-home kittens if they have not been entered into our system.



# WHAT'S NEXT?

**By identifying whether kittens are truly abandoned by their mother and in need of immediate assistance, more kittens can remain with their mothers during the critical nursing stage until weaned. This approach is healthier for kittens and improves the chance to later be successfully adopted.**

**PLEASE CALL THE RC ANIMAL CENTER AT  
(909) 466-7387 EXT. 2076**

**Our Center staff will:**

- **Help you determine if the kittens are in need of immediate assistance**
- **Provide you with information and resources if you want to foster**
- **Help decide what the best course of action will be**

