

what to do if you find kittens

So you stumbled across a litter of adorable kittens – now what? Use this cheat sheet to find out what steps you should take.

Is mom with the kittens?

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WAIT TO SEE IF MOM RETURNS

Mom is most likely out finding food and planning to return. Make sure kittens are warm, dry & safe. Check back repeatedly over the course of 24 hours to see if she comes back.

DOES SHE?

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ARE THEY SAFE?

As long as the kittens are safe, please leave them with their mother. Keep a close eye on them until they're approximately 1.5–2 lbs or about the size of an adult hand.

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ARE THE KITTENS OLDER THAN 6 WEEKS?

6-week-old kittens weigh approximately 2 lbs. and are about the size of an adult hand.

PLEASE DIAL 311 OR EMAIL
animalservices@austinhumanesociety.org

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AHS FOSTER PROGRAM

Kittens that are younger than 6 weeks, without a mom, need to go into a foster home until they are ready for adoption.

Contact AHS Foster Care at fostercare@austinhumanesociety.org.

AHS ADOPTION PROGRAM

Please set up an appointment as soon as possible. AHS will find furrever homes for them if they're ready to be adopted.

Contact the AHS Intake Department at animalservices@austinhumanesociety.org

