

Ability

Your abilities and access to community resources factor into how you respond. Give kitten the most positive outcome without lowering your own!

Ask Yourself

- Are you or someone you know able to care for these kittens?
- Does your local shelter have a foster program that can help?
- Can you access a spay and neuter clinic; at the vet or shelter run, for the family?

Remember no two scenarios are alike, and numerous lifesaving paths depend on kittens CASA.

And Don't Forget: Wherever there's kittens, there's cats! Always work to spay and neuter the local cat colonies to prevent future births.

CVAS hosts a foster program for the kitties brought in to us from our service areas! We take:

- Orphans
- Pregnant mothers
- Moms with newborns

Our Spay/Neuter clinic is hosted once a month for non-feral cats.

We are happy to help and provide additional resources and information, just give us a call or send an email with any questions!

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I Found a Kitten Outside! What Should I Do?

With Kitten Season beginning, one of the biggest concerns is what one should do when they come across a newborn kitten. Here's what you should look for if you find a baby without a mom and don't know what to do.

Before picking up a kitten, assess the scenario using the [CASA](#) method:

Condition

Age

Situation

Abilities



Condition

If a kitten is in good condition, it's most likely been cared for recently



Good Condition:

- Clean and Alert
- Chunky and Well Fed
- Not in Distress

Mom is likely right around the corner!

Bad Condition:

- Dirty/Covered in Waste
- Visibly underweight
- Distress or Medical Crisis

These kittens may truly be orphaned, and need swift intervention!

Situation

Every situation will be different, it's up to you to use your best judgement about when to intervene!

Safe Situation

- Mother is present
- Family is physically healthy and able to provide food

Unsafe Situation

- No one caring for kittens
- Kitten exposed to extreme weather and hazards

Age

Kittens age will help you determine the right course of action



0-5 Weeks

- Uncoordinated
- Closed/Baby blue eyes
- Unweaned; dependent on nursing

Should be kept with mom either by trapping for foster care or leaving outside until weaned



5-12 Weeks

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

Within socialization window, ideal age to take in if desired



12+ Weeks

- Typically 3+ lbs.
- Not nursing
- Proportionate or lanky body

If feral, harder and difficult to socialize. Best outcome if they are fixed and returned to outside colony