

FIND KITTENS? DON'T PANIC!

Before you jump to the rescue, here's how you can help...



EVALUATE THE SITUATION

Watch the kittens for a few hours from afar to see if the mother cat returns - kittens are less likely to survive without mom. She can be hunting for food or a more secure location (taking one kitten at a time.) You can sprinkle flour around to check for tracks.

Does mother cat return?

No

Yes

If the area is safe, leave kittens alone with mother cat until they are weaned. You can offer her food and shelter but they must be kept at a distance from each other.

Please note: if the area is not safe for mother cat and kittens, (extreme weather conditions or predators nearby), please call us at 856-424-2288.

If they are older than 8 weeks (they are running outside the nest area, their eyes are green and they weigh 1.5 - 2 lbs) then get them spayed/neutered and help them find homes. If they are younger than eight weeks (eyes still closed or blue, smaller than an adult hand, weigh less than 1.5 lbs.), they need to be fostered and bottle-fed. To learn how to bottle-feed kittens, go to bestfriends.org/resources/bottle-feeding-kittens.

Kittens that have never been around humans need to be socialized before we can take them at AWA. We recommend to start socializing kittens around 5 weeks of age - if a kitten is over 7 weeks and has never been handled, it could be difficult to socialize them. To learn how to determine a kitten's age in more detail, visit aspcapro.org.

Hundreds of kittens pass through our doors each year from March through October. There are ways you can help save lives and make a difference:

SPAY AND NEUTER cats in the fall/winter to avoid unwanted litters. AWA's Pet Clinic offers services at a reduced rate. Trap outdoor cats through AWA's **Trap/Neuter/Return** program. Check our website for TNR program information and workshop.

FOSTER neonatal kittens. The number of foster families willing to help us save lives is vital. Check out our website for foster information or email Fostercare@awanj.org.

DONATE

- cash allows us to provide our kittens with immediate care
- kitten milk replacer and animal nurser bottles allow us to feed neonatal kittens

To learn more, check our website at awanj.org.



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