Hey, what do I do if I find kittens?



Yes

No

Do the kittens look sick or injured?

Yes

They need urgent care.

Check if the kittens are in harm's way.

If they are, gently move them to a nearby spot where their mother can find them.

Take them to a veterinarian or reputable organisation such as SPCA.

Can you tell if the kittens need their mother based on what they look like and how they act?

Yes

Do the kittens still need their mother?

Check for the following:

- > Eyes and ears are still closed
- > Nursing on mum
- > Need help toileting
- > Wobbly on their feet if walking



Do the kittens need help but are ready to leave their mother?

Check for the following:

- > Eyes are changing from blue to adult colour
- > Eating solid food, may occasionally nurse from mum
- Very mobile, able to run and play



No

Does the mother cat return?

From a distance, watch for a few hours to see if the mother cat returns.

Yes

Leave them with their mother for now.

The mother is best suited to care for her kittens at this age. Keep an eye on them and contact your local SPCA for advice around the most appropriate time to intervene, based on the situation.



Help rescue these kittens.

Kittens at this age need help with eating, toileting, staying clean, and gaining weight.

Don't forget about Mum!

Now that she's done raising her kittens, she's ready to be desexed too. The mother may be difficult to catch, but this is essential in stopping the cycle of unwanted kittens.



Contact your local SPCA for help with rescuing, fostering, desexing, microchipping, and finding homes.

Visit <u>www.spca.nz</u>, scan the QR code or call your local centre.





