

## I Found A Kitten! What Should I Do?

The first thing to do is assess the situtation.

Does the kitten look healthy or injured? The best course of action in helping a kitten depends on their age.



A healthy kitten will look chunky, well fed, clean, and alert with no obvious signs of injury/illness. If this is the case, try waiting to see if their mom comes back. Being with their mom gives them the greatest chance of survival. A healthy kitten should be left with mom or brought to EBHS with their mom. Unnecessarily bringing in healthy kittens puts them at a disadvantage, as no human can care for kittens like their mother.

Please call EBHS so we can assist with helping the kitten. By this age, they are no longer completely dependant on their mother's milk.

If you would like more information, the Kitten Lady has helpful resources that can be found at http://www.kittenlady.org/casa.

Is the kitten sick or injured?



## Call EBHS Immediately!

An unhealthy kitten under 4 weeks old needs immediate attention, as they are unable to survive on their own. Signs that a neonatal kitten is unhealthy include being emaciated or lethargic, other deceased kittens in the litter, obvious signs of injury or illness, and being dirty.

## - YES



If they are friendly and easy to capture, call EBHS. If they aren't, EBHS may be able to lend you a trap.

## Is the kitten under 4 weeks old?

A kitten under 4 weeks old will have baby blue eyes or eyes will be closed. They will be less than or about 1 pound and be uncoordinated when walking or moving.

NO



If the kitten is over 4 weeks old, they are no longer completely dependant on their mother's milk. They will be more coordinated when walking, playing with their siblings, and mom might be bringing food back to eat. Is the kitten sick or injured?

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