



Found kittens?

If you've found kittens in Elk Grove, here's what to do.

START HERE: Are the kittens injured or critically sick?

YES →

Bring the kittens to the shelter during regular business hours or for officer assistance, call non-emergency dispatch at (916) 714-5115.

↓ NO

ESTIMATE THE AGE OF THE KITTENS



0-2 WEEKS OLD

Eyes closed or barely open



2-4 WEEKS OLD

Eyes open and alert; becoming mobile



4-6 WEEKS OLD

Very mobile and often talkative; can eat food



6-8 WEEKS OLD

Very active and playful; around 1-2 pounds



8+ WEEKS OLD

Very active and playful; 2 pounds or more

STOP! Can you see the mom cat OR a nest?

YES ↓

DON'T KIT-NAP!

A kitten's best chance of survival is with mom. **Leave the kittens where they are.**

If you want to help, make sure mom has access to shelter, food, and water and contact a TNR group to have mom and kittens fixed when ready.

NO ↓

ARE YOU SURE?

Mom may be off hunting or not want to come around if people are present. Watch for her to come back for a few hours.

PRO TIP: Leave a ring of flour around the kittens. Check in a few hours if you see mom's foot prints in the flour!

If the kittens are friendly, you can personally foster, vet them, and place them with adopters. Visit our website for low-cost spay/neuter options and re-homing tips.

If you can't foster, you can bring them to the shelter during business hours.

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↑ MOM CAME BACK

↑ STILL NO MOM

Visit elkgrovecity.org/animalservices for spay/neuter resources.

