

Tabby's Place

Found a kitten?

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Tabby's Place[®]
A CAT SANCTUARY

Do you need assistance with a cat?

If you have any questions/concerns about personal cats, or need assistance with your cat colony, please follow the QR code below to our Help Form.



Check the surrounding area!

It is not uncommon for mom cats to leave their babies for short periods of time in quiet/safe areas to hunt for food. Make sure to give some distance and wait a while to see if mom returns.

Exceptions to the wait and watch rule:

- The area is dangerous, or there is an immediate threat to the kitten (other animals, very busy road)
- The kitten looks sick/injured
- The weather is very cold/wet



Kitten Do's

- Check for signs of injury or illness
 - Eyes: check for discharge, crust, redness or swelling
 - Mouth: If you are able to, check for any oral ulcerations
 - Nose: check for discharge, and monitor for sneezing
 - Limbs: check for any abnormalities
- Make sure that the kitten doesn't feel cold, and that it is active!!!
Young kittens cannot thermoregulate, and need to be provided with a heat source to maintain a healthy body temperature.
- Take the kitten to a local vet!
- Please take the kitten to emergency hospital if they are:
 - Unresponsive, emaciated, lethargic, having trouble breathing, or severely injured
- A veterinarian can further assess the health and wellness of the kitten.



Do you need options for care, but have concerns for cost? Here is a comprehensive list of assistance programs.



What do I do if I can't keep the kitten(s) that I found?

Contact your local animal shelter to determine if they are capable of taking in the kitten(s).

You can also contact a local veterinary office to see if they know of any facilities capable of taking the kitten(s) in.

Kitten Don't's

- Don't give your kitten cow milk
 - Cats are lactose intolerant! If they are of bottle feeding age, give them kitten milk replacer, which can be found at your local Walmart or pet store. If they are older kittens, you can offer them poultry based pate wet food. Try to avoid chunky foods, as it can be a choking hazard.
 - Do not force feed the kitten
- Avoid touching the kitten without gloves.
- Do not immediately introduce it to your pets. They can carry communicable diseases which can be spread to your pets at home.
- Don't bathe the kitten. Take the kitten to the vet first before doing any bathing to get an idea of their health and body temperature.