

FIND A KITTEN OUTDOORS?



Is it wearing an NL Pet License?

YES Call the JECC non-emergency line at 319-356-6800.

NO

ARE THE KITTENS 8 WEEKS OR OLDER?
Visit alleycat.org/KittenProgression to help determine how old the kittens are.

NO

ARE THE KITTENS WITH MOM?

NO

DID MOM COME BACK A FEW HOURS LATER?

NO

YES

TIP:
Newborn, or "neonatal," kittens have closed eyes, folded ears, and can't walk. Be extra careful with these fragile babies.

TIP:
Eight-week-old kittens play, behave, and look like adult cats. They should weigh at least 2 pounds and can be spayed or neutered!

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ARE THE KITTENS FRIENDLY?

YES

NO



Without mom to care for them, these kittens need your help! Neonatal kittens especially require round-the-clock care including bottle-feedings.

If they are doing well, let kittens stay with mom outdoors. When they are ready for spay and neuter, TNR all of them. (Or, foster then adopt kittens.)

Ask a veterinarian to examine and spay or neuter the kittens. Then find homes where the kittens can be socialized to people.

Kittens over 4 months old cannot be socialized, but will live long, healthy outdoor lives. Neuter and vaccinate before returning them to their colony.