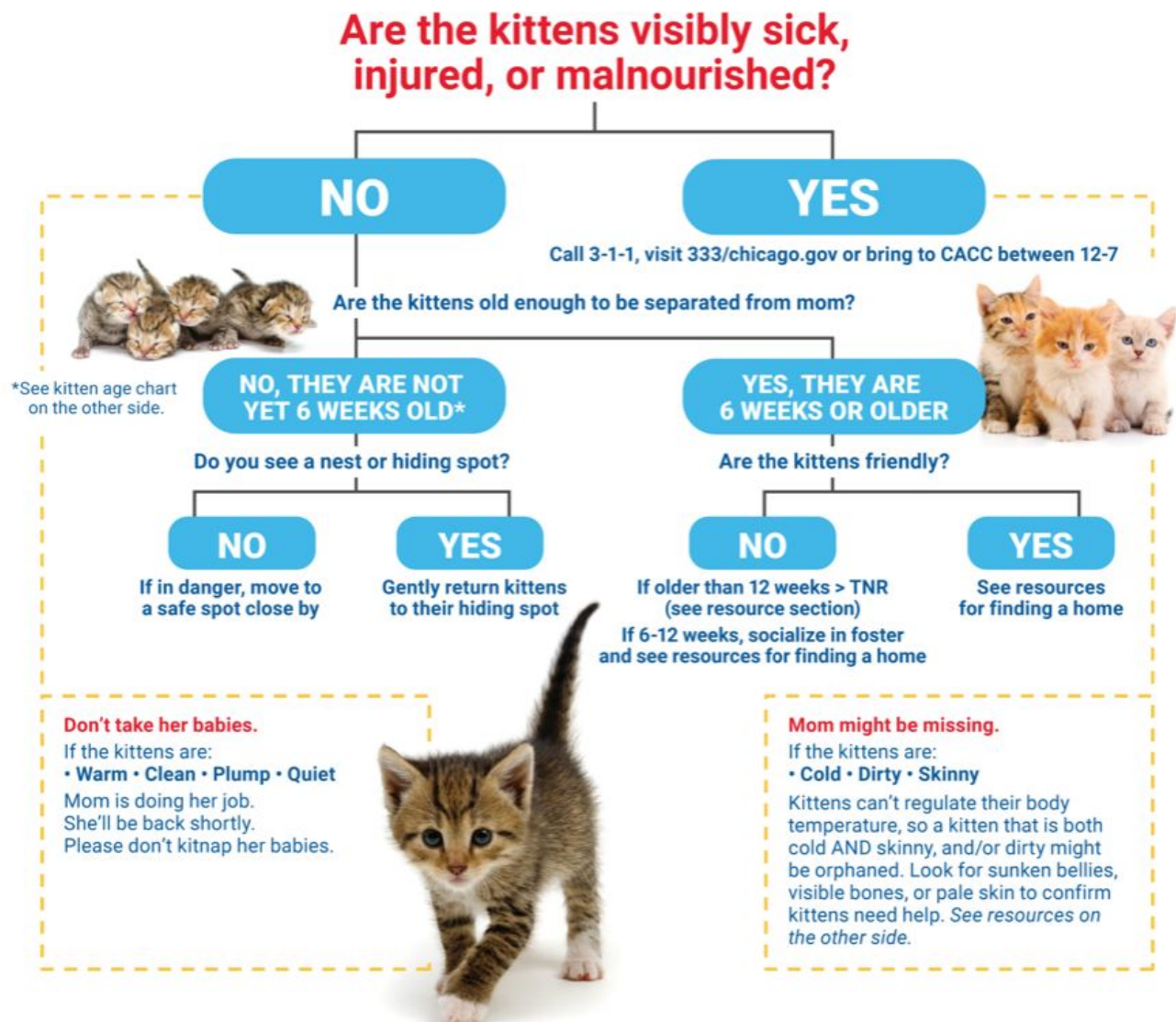


# I found a kitten! Now what?



**DON'T KIT-NAP KITTENS! MOM WILL LIKELY RETURN. PLEASE DON'T INTERVENE.**

When we find a litter of kittens, our good-hearted instincts tell us to jump in and help. Thankfully, human intervention is typically not required. If the kittens are not ill, injured, or in immediate danger, the best thing you can do is to leave them alone. Mother cats may leave their litters for several hours while looking for food or avoiding humans. Mom will likely return shortly, and it's critical that the kittens remain in her care as she offers the best chance for their survival.



**MOST KITTENS FOUND OUTSIDE SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE.  
IF THE KITTEN IS INJURED, ILL, OR IN IMMEDIATE DANGER:**

- Call 311 or visit [311.CHICAGO.GOV](http://311.CHICAGO.GOV)
- Bring kittens to CACC: 2741 S. Western Ave. (12- 7 P.M.)

## What's Next?

Cats can have multiple litters per year. Helping outdoor cats get spayed/neutered is part of a movement called Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR). TNR ensures no kittens are born, stabilizes cat populations, provides vaccines, and improves cats' lives. It also stops the behaviors and stresses associated with mating such as yowling, spraying, and fighting. Learn how to help: [bit.ly/tnralleycat](http://bit.ly/tnralleycat)

## Local Resources

**PAWS Chicago** Focus: South side; Clinic: 773-521-7729; Outreach: [feralneighborhoodcats@pawschicago.org](mailto:feralneighborhoodcats@pawschicago.org); 773-475-9410

**Tree House** Focus: North side; 773-262-4000; [tnr@treehouseanimals.org](http://tnr@treehouseanimals.org)

**Whiskers and Tails** Focus: Northwest side; [info@whiskersandtailsfoundation.org](mailto:info@whiskersandtailsfoundation.org)

**TripleRPets** Focus: Southwest side/south suburbs; [info@triplerpets.org](mailto:info@triplerpets.org); 708-738-1438

**Anti-Cruelty Society** Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic; [anticruelty.org](http://anticruelty.org); 312-644-8338

**Feral Feline Project** Focus: North/northwest suburbs; [feralfelineproject@gmail.com](mailto:feralfelineproject@gmail.com) 847-800-0095

**CatVando** Focus: Near west suburbs; [catvando.org](http://catvando.org)



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CACC Kitten on Deck Program



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[chicago.gov/cacc](http://chicago.gov/cacc)

CACC is the city's only municipal open-admission animal shelter. It protects the public and promotes humane care of animals.

## How old is this kitten?



Newborn kittens fit in the palm. They can't see, hear or keep themselves warm. They are 100% dependent on their mom or caretaker and must be bottle fed 6-8 times a day without her.



We call four-week-old kittens "mush babies." They are learning to eat on their own and exploring the world, but still need a lot of care.



At 6 weeks, kittens weigh 1.5 - 2 Lbs. They can usually be spayed/neutered, vaccinated, adopted or returned to their colonies.