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FORGOTTEN FELINES
Of Sonoma County



This guide refers to kittens 4 weeks of age and younger, when cats with mom offers them the best chance of survival

Cold: Young kittens can't control their temperature; they need their mother, siblings, and nesting to stay warm. Alone, they may cool, but if they're otherwise fine, wait 2-4 hours for the mother's return.

Dirty: Cleanliness is key; healthy kittens are spotless, courtesy of their mother. If they're dirty, damp, or have inflamed genital areas, they require assistance.

Thin: Well-fed kittens appear plump. If you see sunken bellies, visible bones, or pale skin, the kittens are likely not being fed and need help.

Noisy: Crying kittens are often hungry, but it doesn't always mean they're orphaned. Mothers leave but usually return. She might even be watching in the shadows waiting for you leave her babies alone. If the crying stops when you return after 2-4 hours, the mother is likely caring for them.

Sick/Hurt: Sick kittens may exhibit eye or nose discharge, crusted eyes, wounds, or sores, indicating they need immediate help.

No help needed



Kitten is clean, quiet and dry. It is plump and has a full belly with light pink coloring showing that it is warm

Help needed



Kitten is noisy, dirty and sick. It has nasal discharge and crusted-shut eyes.



Kitten is thin, wet and cold. You can see its backbone.



Kitten is thin, cold and has discharge from the eyes.