



# STRAY KITTEN TIPS

The shelter should be the last resort for found kittens.

Despite constant sanitizing and keeping animals in the shelter from interacting with each other, illnesses that may go undetected in older cats can be disastrous for a kitten's underdeveloped immune system! Our goal is to keep kittens OUT OF THE SHELTER!

Mom is ALWAYS a better caregiver than any human foster.

We have INCREDIBLE fosters at MADACC who are willing to rearrange their entire lives in order to feed orphaned kittens every two hours - but even experienced, dedicated individuals simply cannot replicate the care provided by mom. It may be difficult, but if you can't safely trap the WHOLE family, it's best to leave it to mom and contact [outreach@friendsofmadacc.org](mailto:outreach@friendsofmadacc.org) to discuss future options.

You're absolutely allowed to care for the family in your home!

Of course, if you suspect mom or a kitten is sick or injured, contact MADACC and we'll set up a vet appointment as quickly as possible. But, if everyone is happy and healthy, we would love to welcome you to the foster team and have you care for the family in your home. MADACC can provide supplies and medical advice, you provide love! Once the kittens are healthy enough to be altered and adopted, you get first pick if you'd like to keep one fur-ever.

Be a "foster-to-adopt" or traditional foster for orphaned kittens.

Get a head start on bonding with your new pet AND help reduce the number of kittens in the shelter with our foster-to-adopt program! We'll provide support on keeping the kitten in your home and, when the kitten is ready to be spayed/neutered, just drop it off at MADACC on your pre-scheduled day. When you pick it up that afternoon, the adoption will be official! (Of course, if you'd prefer to be part of our 'traditional' foster team, we'd love to have you! Contact [foster@madacc.org](mailto:foster@madacc.org) for more info.)

No matter what, we want to help!

Whether it's providing you with a free trap rental, offering advice on assessing the situation over the phone, ensuring you have everything you need to foster or, ultimately, bringing in found kittens that you can't care for - we are here to help! Contact us at 414-649-8640 or [outreach@friendsofmadacc.org](mailto:outreach@friendsofmadacc.org) to discuss options. Happy kitten season!



# KITTEN SEASON 101: WHAT TO DO NOW?

**I FOUND KITTENS, WHAT DO I DO NOW?**

**IS MOM CARING FOR HER KITTENS?**

**DO THE KITTENS LOOK HEALTHY?**

**ARE YOU ABLE TO CARE FOR THE FAMILY IN YOUR HOME?**

**NO.**

**YES!**

**← NO:**

**... YES! ...**

**SADLY, NO.**

**YES!**

Oh my gosh!  
I just saw mom!

**Bring them to MADACC**

Mom may actually be around, but sneaky enough to visit when no one is watching. Without disturbing or intruding, keep watching and checking on the litter to make sure they stay healthy.

**Awesome!**  
You may be eligible to foster the family through MADACC. You'll care for mom and babies, and MADACC will provide food, supplies, and medical care (including spay/neuter!)  
  
Contact MADACC to find out more!

I've been watching - mom is definitely not around!

**We get it - not every home is equipped to handle a family of cats.**  
  
**Please contact [outreach@friendsofmadacc.org](mailto:outreach@friendsofmadacc.org)! We will provide information so that you can get the cats neutered or spayed (when ready), and vaccinated and STOP the breeding cycle.**



**REMEMBER:**

If mom is around, it is vitally important to keep her with her babies. Mom will ALWAYS be a better care-giver to kittens than even the most dedicated foster.

