



# Georgian Triangle Humane Society

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## What to do if you find kittens

If you find kittens outside, your first instinct may be to simply bring them into your home or to a local rescue. Before doing that, pause and follow these guidelines!

### **Kittens 0-5 weeks old (closed or baby blue eyes, clumsy movements):**

First, assess the kittens' condition

- If the kittens are clean, chunky and not in distress, mama is caring for them. These kittens should be kept with mama.
- If mama is friendly, secure her and the babies and bring them in to care for, or contact your local rescue to see if they can take mama and babies together.
- If mama is not friendly, leave the babies with her until weaned.
- If the kittens are dirty, thin or in distress, they may be orphaned. Bring them inside and contact your local rescue immediately. While waiting to get them to a rescue, try to get them warm.

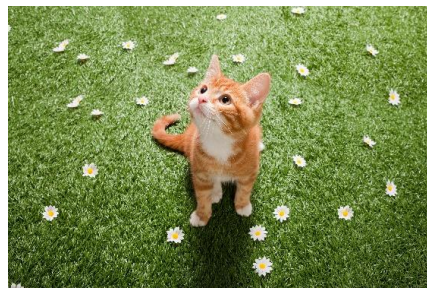
### **Kittens 5-12 weeks old (coordinated/able to walk and run, eating food independently):**

These kittens are the perfect age to be surrendered to your local rescue for adoption, as they are still within socialization age but able to get by without mama (with the help of kind humans). Try to secure them in a carrier so they don't wander off, then immediately contact your local rescue.

### **Kittens 12+ weeks (proportionate/lanky body, eating food independently):**

If feral, these kittens may be extremely difficult to socialize for adoption. Their best chance is likely to be sterilized and returned to the colony. Contact your local rescue for information on their trap and return program

If friendly, try to secure them and contact your local rescue





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Ultimately, no two situations are alike, and it's up to you to use your best judgement. Give the kittens the most positive outcome possible, within your means and capacity. If you have the resources to care for the kittens yourself until adoption age, it can be a wonderful experience for you! Be sure to still contact your local rescue once the kittens are 8 weeks old so they can be fixed and adopted out safely. If you don't have the ability to care for them yourself, your local rescue will be happy to take over!

**DON'T FORGET!** If there are kittens, there are likely unfixed adults nearby. Work with your local rescue to sterilize local community cats to prevent future births.