



...But There
IS NO
SUBSTITUTE
FOR MOM!





YOUNG KITTENS RELY ON MOM FOR MILK AND TO LEARN HOW TO CAT

FOUND SOME KITTENS? LET'S LOOK AT THEIR AGE AND HEALTH TO DETERMINE NEXT STEPS...

UNHEALTHY KITTENS ARE THIN, DIRTY, AND CRYING.

SICK KITTENS NEED HELP AT ANY AGE! SKIP AHEAD TO 2







USE THE CHART BELOW TO GUIDE YOU



<4 WEEK OLD KITTENS HAYE A MUCH LOWER SURVIVAL RATE WITH-OUT MOM. THEY NEED THIS TIME WITH HER.

AS HARD AS IT IS (THEY'RE SO SOFT!) LEAVE HEALTHY TINY CUTIES ALONE.

SEE 1 TO TELL IF MOM'S CARING FOR THEM.



AT 5-8 WEEKS, KITTENS ARE BECOMING WEANED FROM THEIR MOM \$ THEY ARE STARTING TO EAT SOLID FOOD. THEY ARE ALSO THE PERFECT AGE TO BE SOCIALIZED.

THIS IS THE BEST TIME TO ACT. AFTER 8 WEEKS, KITTENS PRETTY MUCH KNOW HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT PEOPLE- AND IT CAN BE HARD TO SOCIALIZE THEM. GET THEM FIXED ASAP BEFORE THEY CAN HAYE A LITTER OF THEIR OWN.

SUBLIMINAL MESSAGING

IS MOM CARING FOR THEM?

IF KITTENS ARE PLUMP. CLEAN AND QUIET. MOM IS CARING FOR THEM! SHE'S NEARBY ... EVEN IF YOU DON'T SEE HER.

MOM FREQUENTLY LEAVES THE NEST TO HUNT. SHE ALSO DOESN'T WANT PREDATORS TO KNOW WHERE HER BABIES ARE. SO SHE MAY BE LAYING LOW.

PLACE A RING OF FLOUR AROUND THE KITTENS. CHECK BACK IN 6 HOURS FOR MOM'S FOOTPRINTS.





DON'T BE A HELICOPTER! MOM COULD GET WEIRDED OUT AND MOVE THEM ...





IF MOM RETURNS. WAIT UNTIL KITTENS ARE 5-6 WEEKS OLD BEFORE BRINGING THE WHOLE FAMILY IN. IF SHE DOESN'T ...

BRING TO AUSTIN ANIMAL CENTER

BRING KITTENS WHICH ARE SICK. INJURED. OR >5 WEEKS OLD TO AAC:

AUSTIN ANIMAL CENTER

MONDAY-FRIDAY 11AM-6PM 7201 LEVANDER LOOP AUSTIN. TX 78702



DON'T FORGET MOM! AAC WILL SPAY HER FOR FREE.



* ADULT CATS MUST ARRIVE IN HARD CARRIERS OR HUMANE TRAPS.



DON'T BRING MOM IN SOLO BEFORE KITTENS ARE WEANED.



CATS MUST BE FROM AUSTIN/ UNINCORPORATED TRAVIS COUNTY.

OUTSIDE AUSTIN? THRTEXAS.COM

WANT TO FOSTER?

* HEALTHY KITTENS AND MOM CATS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR AAC'S FINDER TO FOSTER PROGRAM! VISIT BIT.LY/AACFINDERTOFOSTER

TO LEARN MORE!



QUESTIONS?

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