

## 1. 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 FOOT-PRINTS.



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



LET'S GO, GIRLS!

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

## 2. 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 LEYANDER 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?  
TNRTEXAS.COM

### QUESTIONS?

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NEED HELP TRAPPING?  
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## VOL. 3 KITTEN INVASION!



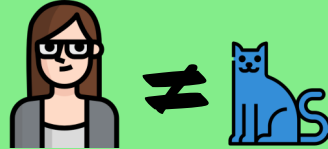
AUSTIN  
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# DON'T KIT-NAP ME!

THE URGE TO SCOOP UP WEE KITTENS CAN BE SO STRONG...



...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 USE THEIR AGE AND HEALTH TO DETERMINE NEXT STEPS...

UNHEALTHY KITTENS ARE THIN, DIRTY, AND CRYING



IF UNHEALTHY, SKIP AHEAD TO #2



0-2 WEEKS

EYES STILL CLOSED OR JUST BEGINNING TO OPEN



3-4 WEEKS

EYES OPEN AND ALERT; STARTING TO EXPLORE



5-6 WEEKS

VERY MOBILE AND TALKATIVE; CAN EAT SOLID FOOD



7-8 WEEKS

VERY ACTIVE AND PLAYFUL; AROUND 1-2 LBS



9+ WEEKS

VERY ACTIVE AND PLAYFUL; WEIGHS 2+ LBS

HEALTHY KITTENS ARE PLUMP, CLEAN, AND QUIET!



<4 WEEK OLD KITTENS HAVE A MUCH LOWER SURVIVAL RATE WITHOUT MOM. THEY NEED THIS TIME WITH HER. AS HARD AS IT IS (THEY'RE SO SOFT!) LEAVE HEALTHY CUTIES ALONE. SEE #1 TO TELL IF MOM'S CARING FOR THEM.

THE SWEET SPOT!

AT THIS AGE, KITTENS ARE BECOMING WEANED FROM THEIR MOM & THEY ARE STARTING TO EAT SOLID FOOD. THEY ARE ALSO THE PERFECT AGE TO BE SOCIALIZED.

THE BEST TIME TO BRING KITTENS TO AAC IS AT 5 WEEKS OLD (WITH MOM FOR FREE SPAY). AFTER 8 WEEKS, THINGS GET MORE COMPLICATED...

AFTER 8 WEEKS, KITTENS PRETTY MUCH KNOW HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT PEOPLE- AND IT CAN BE HARD TO SOCIALIZED THEM. GET THEM FIXED ASAP BEFORE THEY CAN HAVE A LITTER OF THEIR OWN.