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DOES THIS KITTEN NEED MY HELP?

Cold

Young kittens rely on mom and their litter mates in their nest to keep them warm as they cannot regulate their own body temperature. But they may lose some body heat when mom is not with them, so unless they ALSO fit one of the other descriptions in this FAQ sheet, leave them and check again in 2-4 hrs to see if mom came back.

Dirty

Mom is great at keeping her babies clean. Kittens that need your help may have feces, urine or dirt on their bodies. Their coats may be wet and genital areas may be red and irritated from possible urine scalding.

Thin

Well fed kittens typically have a round, full appearance to their bellies. Visible bones, sunken bellies, and pale skin may indicate they aren't being fed.

Noisy

Hungry orphaned kittens will meow and cry loudly. BUT, loud kittens alone does NOT indicate they are orphaned. Mom may be watching you in the shadows or on her way back. Leave the kittens for 2-4 hrs and check on them again. If the kittens are quiet, mom came back to care for them!

Sick/Hurt

If you see discharge/crusting of the eyes and nose this may indicate the kittens are sick. Check them for wounds and open sores that point to injuries.



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need our help

This FAQ sheet refers to kittens under 5 weeks of age. For more info, visit us at: <https://animalcare.lacounty.gov/>

Or call us at: 562-940-6898 (South County) 661-940-4191 (North County)