

So, you've found some kittens?

YOU MUST HAVE A PLAN

There's an important step between *feeling sorry for them* and deciding to take them off the street.

Rescues are always full so you have to be prepared to:

- Take in the **whole family yourself** (mum included)
- Arrange and pay for **desexing** when they're around 4 months old
- Care for them until you can adopt them into **loving homes**

If you can't do this you probably need to leave them where they are

Key Things to Consider:

- **Kittens need their mum so don't just remove them from the street.** If they look healthy mum is probably around but hiding. They need her for nutrition and social development and without her, if they are very young, you'll need to **bottle-feed them every few hours**
- If they **look sick**, you'll need to take them to a **vet** and **pay for their treatment**
- **Don't assume a rescue will take them.**
Rescues are constantly full, run by volunteers, and they rely on donations. They're doing their best, but there simply aren't enough homes for all the cats on the street or enough money to care for them and pay for vet work. If you can find a rescue to help that will be a but there's no guarantee they can take them immediately or at all
- It's a sad fact but if you can keep them until they're old enough to be desexed and pay for the vet work to be done it increases the chance of a rescue being able to rehome them

Want to Help these kittens? Here's What You Can Do:

- **Take them in yourself** (mum too), even temporarily.
- **Cover the costs** of desexing, vaccinating, and microchipping.
- Ask **friends, family, or colleagues** if they can help by fostering the kittens
- **Reach out to rescues**, but know space is limited.

At SAFE, we ask people to fill out an **online surrender form** and we get in touch **if space becomes available**. We get more enquiries than we have space and we can't help everyone. If we have space and the kittens are not desexed or are sick we will **ask you to make a financial contribution** towards vet costs.

Watch helpful videos like this one:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V47Ej3X6e7Y>

If You Can't Take Them In:

Don't remove the kittens from their environment **unless you have a foster home for them**

- Connect with **local TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) groups** on social media - they may be active in your area and can offer advice or assistance. Help them to help the kittens and cats who need to live on the streets

Helping street kittens is incredibly rewarding—but it takes **planning, responsibility, and resources**. With the right support and commitment, you can make a real difference without putting extra strain on already overwhelmed rescues.