WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND KITTENS

Are the kittens visibly sick or injured?

YES → Take the kittens to a veterinary clinic immediately.

NO → Estimate the kittens' age by what they look like.

Eyes still closed or just beginning to open: 1-2 weeks old

Eyes open & alert, becoming mobile: 2-4 weeks old

Very mobile & often talkative, can eat food: 4-6 weeks old

Very active & playful, around 1-2lbs.: 6-8 weeks old

Very active & playful, 2lbs. or more: 8+ weeks old

Can you see the nest or hiding spot?

YES → Gently return the kittens to the nest where the mama cat can provide care.

NO → If in danger, move the kittens to a safe space and watch from a distance.

What if the mama cat doesn't return after 6+ hours?

Are you willing to take full responsibility for the kittens?

NO → Call: Flathead County Animal Shelter (406)752-1310; Humane Society of NW Montana (406)752-7297; or Kitty Mom's Rescue (406)752-4460

to schedule a drop-off (always call first!!!)

YES → Great! Take the kittens to your local vet for a check-up right away & get started on vaccinations and parasite treatment as early as 4-6 weeks old. Raise until the kittens are old enough for spay/neuter and adoption at 8 weeks, or make an appointment at your local shelter to surrender them.