



# Don't Kit Nap Kittens!



Kittens do best when they are with their mama. Before leaping to the rescue make sure they are truly abandoned. Mama might be out scrounging for food and will return to care for them soon.



## QUIETLY OBSERVE

Observe from a safe distance to see if mama is present.

## ASSESS CONDITION

If kittens are clean and sleeping in a heap, then mama is likely out looking for food and will be back.

If kittens are cold, dirty, thin, making a lot of noise or appear sick or hurt, mama might be MIA and possibly gone for good. If you have observed for 12 to 24 hrs and mama still hasn't returned, she's probably not coming back.

## MAKE A GAME PLAN

If kittens are in obvious distress and mama is clearly not coming back, call HSSV at 360-757-0445 to discuss bringing them into us for care.

If the kittens appear to be well fed and in good health and mama seems to be nearby or has obviously been there recently, then wait and try to see if you can bring mama in as well. If she's friendly scoop them up, and give us a call. If she isn't keen on contact, again, call us at 360-757-0445 for advice on trapping so you can bring them all in together safely. A trap might be necessary and it's important to get mom first, so you don't scoop up the babies and then realize you can't get mama.