



**SEEIN' KITTENS?
START SITTIN'**

**BUT DON'T KIT-NAP
FROM MOM!**

Mom may leave kittens for hours at a time. Don't assume they're momless. She'll probably return soon. Only help if they are orphaned, injured or ill.

What is a Kitten Sitter?

You just found a litter of kittens! They are tiny, and look so fragile. What do you do now?

Become a ***Kitten Sitter!***

COVID-19 is pushing us to do something we have been thinking about doing and now, due to social distancing, now is the perfect time to do it.

We are hoping you will be a ***Kitten Sitter*** and watch over mom and her kittens. Instead of our traditional foster program where kittens are brought to our shelter then put into foster homes, ***Kitten Sitters*** will keep the mom and her family in the area she knows. You'll make sure they have a safe, cozy place to grow up, feed them good food and socialize the kittens to humans.

Research has found that kittens, especially those born to feral moms, are better off being raised where mom lives. She will be less stressed and be able to better care for her kittens.

Don't worry, you won't be on your own.

FieldHaven Feline Center will provide food, supplies and expert advice while you are sitting the kittens. Our team of kitten pros are never more than a reach away. We use social media, including the now famous Zoom, to be there for you. If a situation warrants, we have veterinary staff that can provide "in-kitten" assistance.

There are 3 types of litters you may find yourself sitting:

Feral mom with litter – when you encounter a feral mom with a litter the best choice is to leave her with them. You will watch over them but not interfere any more than is comfortable for mom. When the kittens are approximately 5 weeks we'll coach you on socializing them for adoption. You'll trap mom and she will be spayed then returned to her 'hood.

Tame mom with litter - This is the most fun! You can have all the fun parts of raising a litter while mom does all the hard work. We prefer tame moms with their litters are cared for in your home. Once mom weans the kittens at about 7-8 weeks they can move into our adoption program. Mom will be spayed and adopted.

Litter without mom - if the mom is found deceased or the kittens have been clearly abandoned, you may want to be a bottle feeder. We'll give you all the support you need to take on this heart-filling job. You will have oversight and training with our experienced fosters, veterinary assistants and RVTs.

When the kittens are old enough, adoptions will be facilitated by FieldHaven.

Sound like fun?

More Info on Kitten Sittin'

FieldHaven's Web Site: <https://fieldhaven.com/programs/kitten-sitters/>

Report a litter that you found: <https://form.jotform.com/201047174093146>

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