Community Cats: What to do if you find a kitten

Have you found kittens outside and don’t know what to do?

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) has a program to support kittens and cats in the community. Due to precautions related to COVID-19, we are focusing our efforts on how we can best assist kittens in need.

If you see kittens, please resist the temptation to interact or touch them, and call ARL right away.

To learn more and/or to request a service, call (617) 426-9170, then press “1” and “1” again or visit www.arlboston.org

Community Cats are cats that live outdoors – sometimes called feral cats, alley cats, street cats, Tomcats, strays, or outdoor cats. They are the same species as a pet cat.

Community cats live in family groups known as colonies.

Kittens born in colonies or outdoors, may be socialized and adopted into homes.

The most vulnerable are newborn kittens - those with closed eyes, folded ears, and who can’t walk.