



Bobcat Kittens Orphaned

What was once a mother bobcat's tranquil desert home is now becoming another housing development. The earth shakes as rumbling bulldozers strip the land. As the bulldozers crept closer and closer, a young mother bobcat frantically searched for a new home for herself and her kittens.

Carrying the first kitten in her mouth, she had relocated her, hiding her in an empty hot tub. While carrying the second kitten to their new hiding place, she had an unfortunate accident and was killed. The kitten was thrown from her mouth, and he somehow survived a 14-foot drop onto a concrete slab.

The first kitten was found when homeowners heard the pitiful crying of a kitten calling for her mother and traced the crying to their half-covered hot tub. After watching her from a distance for nearly two days, hoping her mama would return, they determined that something terrible must have happened to her mama that prevented her from coming back to care for her baby. Realizing that the kitten was a bobcat kitten, they called Southwest Wildlife.

Nearby, the second kitten was found—amazingly, still alive—by a local school official returning to work after the weekend. For 3 days, he had stayed near his mother's body in the searing heat.

After a thorough examination by our veterinarian, the kittens were re-hydrated. Both are now eating and drinking well, and they have been reunited.