



# Kittens CAN have kittens!

Did your family or friends adopt a kitten last summer? If the kitten has not been spayed or neutered yet, now is the time to get it done! By six months of age cats can reproduce. Many people wait too long to get the surgery done, thinking their cat is still just a kitten. But, before they know it, they have an unwanted litter of kittens on their hands.



## OMK! "Oh my... kittens" activity

What if your cat had an accidental litter of six kittens? How easy would it be to find them homes?

Below are a few of the many hurdles that make it hard to find homes for cats. Solve the math problems below. Using the neighbourhood of 50 possible homes, put an **X** on the homes that can't adopt to find out how many potential homes are left.

- Many people (34%) already have cats and can't adopt your kittens. Calculate 34% of 50 homes. **Cross off those homes.**
- Twenty homes are rented by families. But 95% of landlords won't allow pets. Work out 95% of 20.
- Four per cent of people have severe allergies to pets – particularly cats! Figure out 4% of 50 homes.
- Of the 50 homes, one in 10 families just doesn't like cats and would never adopt.
- Eight per cent of the 50 homes have dogs who don't get along with cats at all!

How many homes are left for you to adopt your kittens? Yikes, not enough! To sum up, having more cats than homes equals pet overpopulation.

Answers: a: 17, b: 19, c: 2, d: 5, e: 4.

