How to determine the age of newborn kittens

Less than 3 days old
Kittens weigh approximately 90–100 grams (3 to 3½ ounces) at birth. Their eyes are completely closed and the umbilical cord is still attached. They cannot stand on their own and cannot regulate their own temperature.

3–7 days old
Eyes completely closed, ears folded down, cannot stand, no teeth and umbilical cord has fallen off

7–10 days old
Eyes mostly closed or beginning to open, no umbilical cord attached, ears folded down, cannot stand and cannot regulate their own temperature

10–14 days old
Eyes open and bright blue in color but vision is still blurry, ears starting to unfold, no teeth, cannot regulate their own temperature

2 weeks old
Eyes completely open and blue in color, no umbilical cord, rounded ear shape, no teeth, attempting to stand, may try hissing, cannot regulate their own temperature

3 weeks old
Eyes completely open and blue in color, ears becoming erect, small incisors beginning to break through the gums, more aware of their surroundings, able to stand, walk and play
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