It can be difficult to distinguish between male and female kittens, especially when they are just a few days old. The most reliable way is to look at the shape of the genital opening and the distance to the anus. When you have a litter of kittens, it can be particularly helpful to compare littermates.

**Females:**

The genital opening appears as a vertical slit and is located directly below the anus.

**Males:**

The penis appears as a small round dot and is a greater distance from the anus, with the testicles located in between.

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“This distance guide can also be used for adult cats.”