HELP! I’VE FOUND A BABY MAMMAL

IF THE ANIMAL IS SICK OR INJURED, call or text a photo and description to our Wildlife Helpline at 626.344.1129.

WHAT KIND OF ANIMAL IS IT?

SQUIRREL

- Can you find the original nest?

  - YES
    - Make a nest using a shallow box with holes in the bottom for drainage and towels and a warm, rice-filled sock for warmth as high up as you can in nearest tree or bush.
  
  - NO
    - Using gloves and/or a towel, place the animal back in the nest

RACCOON

- Is it the size of a small cat or bigger?

  - NO
    - Place the animal in a shallow box with towels and a warm, rice-filled sock; then place a laundry basket over the animal.

  - YES
    - Wait 4+ hours or overnight. Did the adult come back?

    - YES
      - Skunk/Raccoon: Remove basket

    - NO
      - LEAVE THE AREA

SKUNK

- Is it the size of a dollar bill or larger? (Not including tail)

  - NO
    - Are its eyes open and ears up?

      - YES
        - Is it in the original nest? Is the nest intact?

      - NO
        - Place it back in the nest, cover with grasses and leaves and place sticks in an X over the top. Wait overnight. Has the X been disturbed?

  - YES
    - LEAVE THE AREA

OPOSSUM

- NO
  - LEAVE THE AREA

RABBIT

- Are its eyes open and ears up?

  - NO
    - Is it in the original nest? Is the nest intact?

      - YES
        - LEAVE THE AREA

      - NO
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LEAVE THE AREA

- No more human intervention necessary

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