HELP!
I’VE FOUND A BABY BIRD

IS THE BIRD FEATHERED?

DO YOU SEE A NEST?

PUT THE BIRD IN THE NEST.

MAKE A SUBSTITUTE NEST:
Poke holes in the bottom of a small plastic tub, line with dry grass or pine needles, and hang from original tree. Put the bird in the nest.

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IS IT SAFE FROM CATS, DOGS, AND PEOPLE?

PUT BIRD IN BUSHES OR ON A TREE LIMB NEARBY.

OBSERVE FROM A DISTANCE. ARE ITS PARENTS VISITING?

NO

NO

YES

NO

YES

LEAVE THE AREA. BABY IS OKAY.

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If you've gone through our flow chart (reverse) and determined you need to rescue a baby bird, follow these steps to ensure the bird’s health and safety.

1. Prepare a transport container. Line a small cardboard box or paper bag with a soft, clean cloth with no strings or loops. Make air holes for ventilation.

2. Protect yourself. Wear gloves to prevent the bird from pecking or scratching you. Gloves can also help protect you from any fleas, lice, ticks, or diseases the bird may be carrying.

3. Place the bird in the transport container. Cover the bird with a light sheet or towel and gently put it in the prepared container. Tape the box shut or roll the top of the paper bag closed. Keep the container in a warm, dark, quiet place away from kids and pets. Do not attempt to force feed the bird.

4. Warm the bird if it feels cold to the touch. Fill a sock with rice and microwave 30-60 seconds or until it is just warm to the touch and put next to the bird.

Contact a wildlife rehabilitation agency. Visit the California Fish and Wildlife for a list.

Wash your hands after handling the bird. Additionally, wash anything the bird was in contact with to prevent the spread of disease and parasites to you and your pets.
HELP!
I’VE FOUND A BABY MAMMAL

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
    - Wait 4+ hours or overnight. Did the adult come back?
      - **YES**
        - Skunk/Raccoon: Remove basket
      - **NO**
        - LEAVE THE AREA
          - No more human intervention necessary

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**
    - Is it in the original nest? Is the nest intact?
      - **YES**
        - 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?
      - **NO**
        - LEAVE THE AREA
          - No more human intervention necessary

SKUNK

- Is it the size of a dollar bill or larger? (Not including tail)
  - **YES**
    - Are its eyes open and ears up?
      - **YES**
        - Contact us at 951-358-7387
      - **NO**
        - LEAVE THE AREA
          - No more human intervention necessary
  - **NO**
    - LEAVE THE AREA
      - No more human intervention necessary

OPOSSUM

- Are its eyes open and ears up?
  - **YES**
    - Contact us at 951-358-7387
  - **NO**
    - LEAVE THE AREA
      - No more human intervention necessary

RABBIT

- Is it in the original nest?
  - **YES**
    - Is the nest intact?
      - **YES**
        - Contact us at 951-358-7387
      - **NO**
        - LEAVE THE AREA
          - No more human intervention necessary
  - **NO**
    - LEAVE THE AREA
      - No more human intervention necessary
If you’ve gone through our flow chart (reverse) and determined you need to rescue a baby mammal, follow these steps to ensure the animal’s health and safety.

1. Prepare a transport container. Line a small cardboard box or paper bag with a soft, clean cloth with no strings or loops. Make air holes for ventilation.

2. Protect yourself. Wear gloves to prevent the animal from biting or scratching you. Gloves can also help protect you from any fleas, lice, ticks, or diseases the animal may be carrying.

3. Place the mammal in the transport container. Cover the animal with a light sheet or towel and gently put it in the prepared container. Tape the box shut or roll the top of the paper bag closed. Keep the container in a warm, dark, quiet place away from kids and pets. Do not attempt to feed it unless you have sought professional advice.

4. Warm the animal if it feels cold to the touch. Fill a sock with rice and microwave 30-60 seconds or until it is just warm to the touch and put next to the animal.

5. Contact a wildlife rehabilitation agency. Visit the California Fish and Wildlife for a list.

6. Wash your hands after handling the mammal. Additionally, wash anything the animal was in contact with to prevent the spread of disease and parasites to you and your pets.