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PLEASE DON'T KIDNAP BABY WILDLIFE

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IS HUMAN INTERVENTION NECESSARY

Baby animals that are commonly found by humans are rarely orphaned and should be left alone or returned to the nest. Human interference can bring unintended harm to the animal and can cause great stress to both the baby and the mother.

BUNNIES

Rabbits in burrows in the ground should be left alone. Their mother will only come to feed them twice a day, so just because you do not see the mother does not mean the rabbits are orphaned. Leave them be.



BIRDS

Baby birds with feathers are called fledglings, and they are supposed to be on the ground. Leave them be. Baby birds with few feathers may have fallen from the nest. If it is safe to do so, return the baby to the nest.



SQUIRRELS

In most cases, young squirrels can fend for themselves and do not need help. If you have found a baby squirrel that has fallen from a tree and does not appear to be injured, wait and see if the mother comes to the rescue.



TURTLES

Turtles know where they are going. If you see a turtle crossing a road, carefully move the turtle to the side of the road in the direction it was headed. If you find a turtle that has a crack in the shell, it needs help.



If you have found injured wildlife that is actively bleeding or wounded, visit vbspca.com/wildlife for information on how to safely transport wildlife to a veterinarian.