

# I FOUND A SQUIRREL



## DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO THE SQUIRREL YOU FOUND?

- They are bleeding, has an open wound or a fracture
- They may have been bitten by a cat or dog
- They are covered with fleas or fly eggs (look like small grains of rice)
- They are cold, wet or shrieking a lot

YES

**This squirrel is injured or orphaned. They need care. Contact your local shelter quickly.**

Secure the animal in a box. Make sure there are holes for air. Avoid all sources of stress.

NO

If the squirrel is not injured or in distress, the next step is to determine their age to choose the appropriate intervention. Does the squirrel have a bushy tail **AND**, other than the tail, have a body length of at least 15 cm?

YES

NO

**Most likely, they are a juvenile or adult squirrel exploring their surroundings.** It is important to not encourage contact with humans.  
**Do not feed them!**

**This is a baby squirrel. You must try to reunite them with their mother.**

- Keep the baby warm in a box with a heated magic bag or hot water bottle wrapped in a blanket. **DO NOT FEED THEM.**
- Put the box near where the squirrel was found, so the mother can come and get her baby. The best times are at sunrise or sunset. If you are concerned about predators, hang the box on a tree branch and keep a close eye on it.
- Watch the baby for a while. If they don't make any noise, pick them up by the waist, head down. This will get them to make a sound to attract their mother.

NO

YES

**Congratulations!** You have reunited a baby with their mother, who will take care of them.

**HAS THE MOTHER RETURNED FOR HER BABY?**

Continue to observe the baby squirrel for 1 to 2 hours. Warm up the magic bag or hot water bottle if necessary.