

If the baby mammal is injured or you are unable to put it back in its nest or den:

Place the baby in a loosely covered container (so it can breathe) with a soft blanket or towel (loop-free, so its toes or limbs don't get caught.)

Keep in a warm, quiet, dark place until you can get it to a rehabber.



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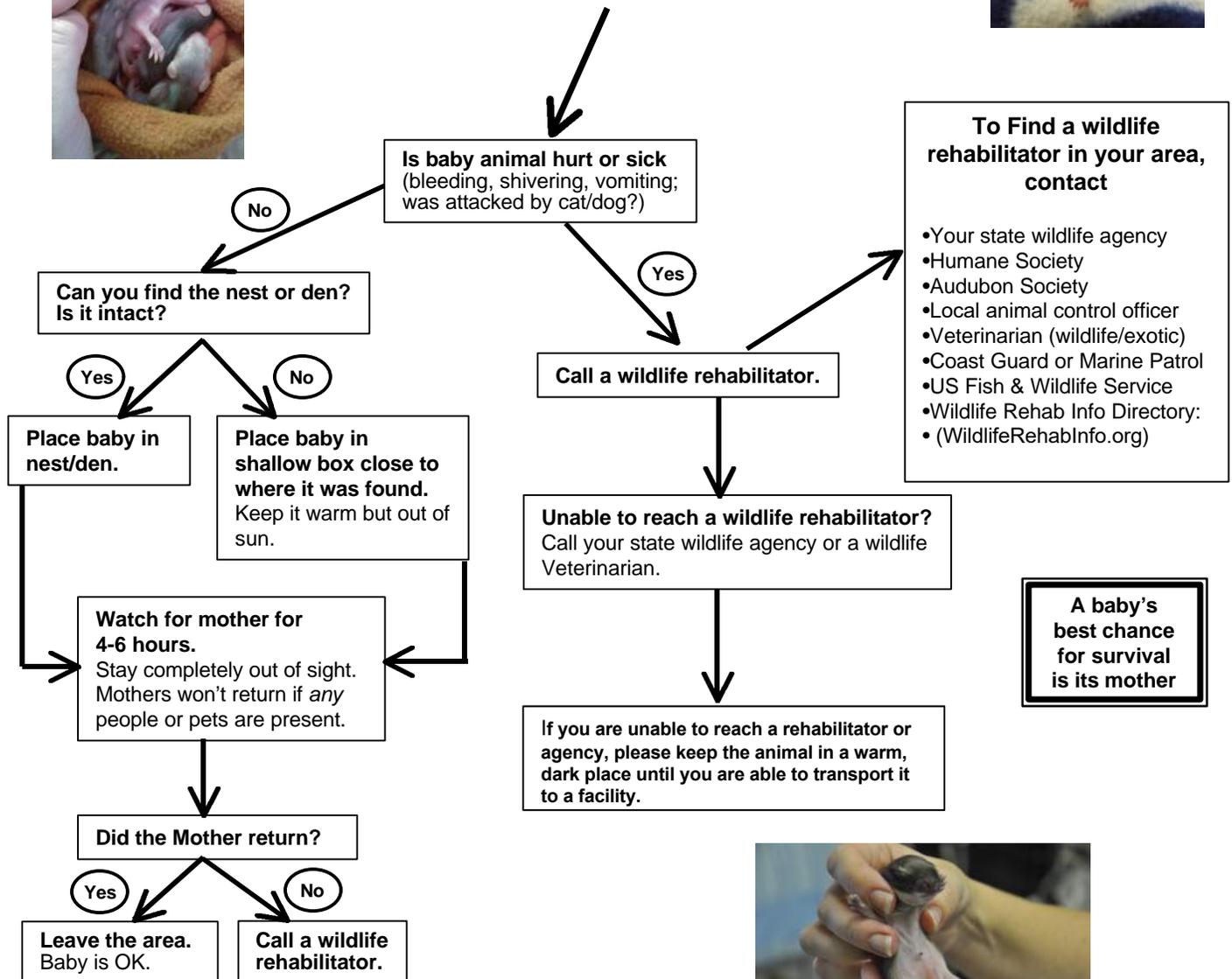
Many baby mammals spend time alone while mom is looking for food or leading predators away from the nest or den.

A baby's best chance at a healthy life is with mom. "Kidnapping" it, even with the best intentions, can be harmful.

Follow the flowchart inside to determine what to do next.

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If you find a Rabies Vector Species:

RVS include; raccoons, foxes, bats and otters.

DO NOT handle babies with your bare hands. This is for the babies well being as well as your own.

Call a wildlife rehabilitator.



If you find baby bunnies:

•If their nest has been damaged it can be repaired. Look for a shallow depression lined with grass/fur. Place babies in nest with light layers at grass to hide them. Pour a thin line of baking flour around the nest or place a few small pieces of colored string/yarn over the nest. Leave the area, or the mother won't return. (Mothers return only at dawn & dusk.) Check the nest the next day to see if there are footprints from the mother in the flour or if the string/yarn has been disturbed. If the mother returned, the babies are ok. If there are no signs the mother returned, call a wildlife rehabilitator.

•If you find healthy bunnies that are 4-5 inches long, able to hop, with eyes open and ears up, they do not need help. They are able to survive on their own. Leave them alone.



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