# A Squirrel?



Most
squirrels come
to us because
someone cut a
tree or bush
with their nest
in it. Don't cut
trees and
branches in

April to August.

If you find a squirrel call us. Squirrel moms are very smart and often have extra nests. If a squirrel falls but doesn't get hurt, mom will often get them back in the nest. We can tell you how to keep them warm and watch them.

If a squirrel is nesting where your parents don't want it, we can help your parents get the squirrel mom to move her babies somewhere else.

And if its hurt, or we can't get it back in the nest, we will take care of it at Wild Care.

## Something else?



If you find a box turtle crossing the road, just ask your parents

to help you move it to the side it was going to. Don't take it home, or move it to water. Box turtles like to stay close to their homes and get very upset if you move them far away!

For other animals you might find, or any time you have a question, call us at 508-240-2255. If we don't know the answer, we will find out. If we can't care for the animal you found, we will tell you who can.

If you find an animal when we are closed, you can call Friends of Cape Wildlife at 508-375-3700. They will help you until you can reach us.

# What should I do if I find...



#### 508-240-2255

10 Smith Lane,
Eastham MA 02642
(the yellow house on the rotary)
OPEN 9-5, every day year round

Wild Care helps wild animals that are injured or orphaned. You can call them if you find ANY animal in trouble and they will help you.



### What to do?

If you find an animal, tell your parents first and ask for their help. Sometimes we can help you and your parents can take care of it. Wild animals like to be wild and are very unhappy as pets, so please don't try to make a wild animal your pet!

Don't feed, or give water to injured or baby animals. Do try to keep them warm (with your parents' help), until you can get them to us.

And don't touch a wild animal without your parents' help. Even your parents shouldn't try to touch most big birds, like hawks, loons and gannets, or snapping turtles. Call us because we know how to handle those dangerous animals!

## A Bird?



Ask yourself, is the bird hurt? Did its nest fall? If yes, then it needs help. Don't give it

food or water. Pick it up in a cloth, put it in a warm box with small air holes and call, or bring it to Wild Care.

If its not hurt, sometimes it can be put back in the nest, if you can find it. Its not true that if you touch it, its mom won't take care of it.

Sometimes birds do not need our help. If the bird has feathers and is moving around, it might be learning to fly and mom is watching.

If a bird hits your window, put it in a warm box with small air holes in quiet place for an hour. Then carefully open the box outside and it might fly away. If it doesn't, call us.

If you aren't sure what to do, call us and we'll help you!

# A Bunny?



Don't kidnap a baby bunny! Unless a bunny is hurt, we really want to put it back in its nest,

or leave it alone.

First mom bunnies don't take care of their babies during the day, only at night. Second, bunnies are still very little when they go out on their own! Often people think they need care when they don't.

To put a bunny back in a nest, look for the nest in the grass, covered with grass and leaves. Put the bunny back and put a stick or piece of string across it. Check it the next day. Mom probably came during the night so the stick is moved.

If you aren't sure if a bunny should be on its own, call us and we can help you.