I FOUND A BABY MAMMAL...NOW WHAT?

**IS THE BABY MAMMAL HURT OR SICK?**
(bleeding, shivering, vomiting; was attacked by cat/dog?)

- **yes**
  - Call an LDWF licensed wildlife rehabilitator* (contact info on back) or licensed wildlife veterinarian PRIOR to intervening.

- **no**
  - CAN YOU FIND THE NEST OR DEN? IS IT INTACT?

- **yes**
  - MAKE A SUBSTITUTE NEST/DEN
    - Place baby in shallow box close to where it was found making certain to add drain holes to bottom of box. Keep it warm but out of sun.

- **no**
  - LEAVE THE AREA
    - Baby is OK

  - OBSERVE FOR 4-6 HOURS. DID THE MOTHER RETURN?
    - Stay completely out of sight. Mothers won’t return if any people or pets are present.

    - **yes**
      - LEAVE THE AREA
        - Baby is OK
    
    - **no**
      - Call an LDWF licensed wildlife rehabilitator* (contact info on back) or licensed wildlife veterinarian.

**NOTE**
In Louisiana, it is against the law to possess injured/orphaned mammals without an LDWF Rehabilitation permit, even if you plan to release them. It is also against the law to possess/import/export wildlife as pets or for the pet trade in Louisiana.

**IF YOU CARE, LEAVE IT THERE**
A baby’s best chance for survival is with its MOTHER!
Contact a LDWF Regional Wildlife Office:

- Minden: 318-371-3049
- Monroe: 318-343-2417
- Pineville: 318-487-5634
- Lafayette: 337-262-2080
- Lake Charles: 337-491-2580
- Thibodaux: 985-447-0821
- Baton Rouge: 225-765-2800
- New Orleans: 504-284-2023