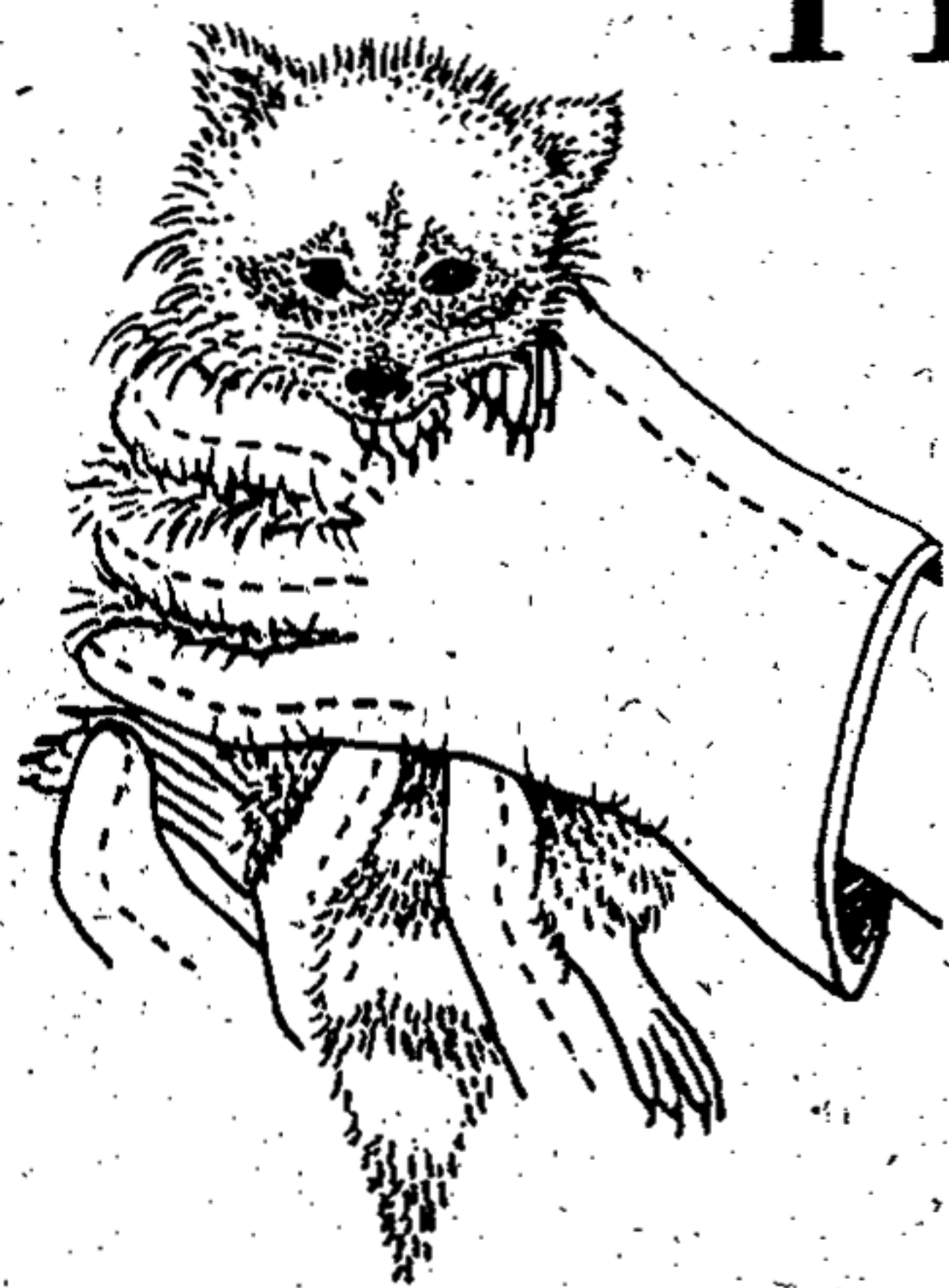


I Found a Baby Mammal Now What?



Is baby animal hurt or sick
(bleeding, shivering, vomiting;
was attacked by cat/dog)?

No

Yes

Can you find the nest or den?
Is it intact?

Yes

No

Place baby in
nest/den.

Place baby in shallow
box close to where it was
found. Keep it warm but
out of the sun.

Watch for the mother for
4-6 hours. Stay completely out
of sight. Mothers won't return if
any people or pets are present.

Did the mother return?

Yes

No

Leave the area.
Baby is okay.

Call a wildlife
rehabilitator.

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Unable to reach a rehabilitator?
Call your state wildlife agency or a
wildlife veterinarian.

If you're unable to reach any of the
above, see instructions on back of
this page: "How to Rescue Baby
Mammals."

To find a wildlife rehabilitator
in your area, contact:

- Your state wildlife agency
- Humane Society
- Audubon Society
- wild bird stores
- city animal control officer
- veterinarian (wildlife/exotic)
- Coast Guard or Marine Patrol
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Wildlife Rehab Info Directory:
<http://umn.edu/~devo0028>

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 of grass to hide them. Leave the area, or the mother won't return. (Mothers return only at dawn & dusk.)
- 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. Questions? Call a wildlife rehabilitator.

If you find a seal pup or fawn:



- Mothers normally leave their babies to feed.
- If baby looks cold, hungry, diseased, or confused, or if dogs, other animals, or people threaten its safety, call a wildlife rehabilitator or park ranger.
- Otherwise, leave the baby alone and leave the area. The mother will not return if people or pets are present.

**A baby's
best chance
for survival
is its mother.**

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