

This baby died due to internet. We want to written in memory



to wrong information on the SAVE baby skunks. This was of this baby~

WILD BORN ORPHAN BABY SKUNKS SUGGESTIONS UNTIL THE BABY GETS TO A LEGAL REHABBER. All skunks are different use common sense when treating.

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When you find a baby ALWAYS look for the mother, it's best the baby stays with its mother. Don't mistake the babies that may come out exploring during the day time, when the mother is sleeping. Many times its around noon, 3pm or 6pm. This is normal. (like a human teenager sneaking out at night)

ALERT! Wear some sort of **protective covering on hands** while handling baby until you get to a rehabber. Some counties are changing their rules, that if you touch the baby with **YOUR bare hands** and you tell the rehabbers you did that, **it WILL get euthanized!** SO HEADS UP! DO NOT send pictures out on the internet handing a baby skunk without protective covering on hands!

*** DO NOT WAIT TO FEED UNLESS SKUNK IS COLD OR DEHYDRATED!** Skunks are like a diabetic and they need to eat or else they may seizure. Cold, dehydrated babies need to be treated differently from bright eyed, bushy tailed babies. They need to be warmed and then hydrated before being fed (see below).

When you do find an orphan baby skunk, please google in your state "wildlife rehabber (state)" or "wildlife rehabilitator (state)" Make sure they are a no kill for skunks. It's ILLEGAL to keep a wild born skunk as your pet. DO NOT get attached, cuddle, play, or bond to the wild born skunk.

For any skunks that need care, get to rehabber asap! Every minute counts and driving long distances to find help is the norm. Can wear rubber gloves while touching/feeding.

For eyes open and mobile:

1. Prepare a box or Rubbermaid tub with a linen on ½ of the bottom with another soft linen fluffed on top for snuggling/hiding. Other bottom ½ ... place newspaper with a paper towel on top or use puppy pee pad. > Pedialyte to hydrate if needed<

2. Place the skunk in a safe and quiet place that other animals cannot get to.

3. Heat source: Heating pad on low under linen ½ OR use a plastic bottle filled with very hot water, put in a sock or wrapped in a towel/t-shirt and put along side of inside box/tub.



4. Can scramble an egg...30 seconds in microwave and crumble on a flat plastic lid OR get fresh Goats Milk from health food stores or Walmart, soak dog/cat food in to make soft and smash it up, put in flat lid. Make sure each baby is eating.

For responsive eyes closed:

1. Prepare a box or Rubbermaid tub as described above. Place the skunk in a safe and quiet place that other animals cannot get to.

2. Heat source: Heating pad on low under linen ½ OR use a plastic bottle filled with very hot water, put in a sock or wrapped in a towel/t-shirt and put along side of inside box/tub.

Can take up to 2 hours for internal organs to warm if cold.

3. Stimulate with Q-Tip to eliminate cold urine in bladder that's up against internal organs.

4. Get to rehabber within an hour or 2 at most.

5. If no rehabber is within 2 hours, use clear unflavored Pedialyte to hydrate (diluted goat milk or diluted puppy milk may also be offered after hydrating), warmed, and use dropper or syringe to let them lick. Do not force or squirt in mouth.

For any age non-responsive/laying on side:

1. Prepare a box or Rubbermaid tub as described above. Place the skunk in a safe and quiet place that other animals cannot get to.

2. Wrap in linen and put heating pad on low under linen ½ OR use a plastic bottle filled with very hot water, put in a sock or wrapped in a towel/t-shirt and put along side of inside box/tub.

3. Mix spoonful of table sugar in cup or warm water.

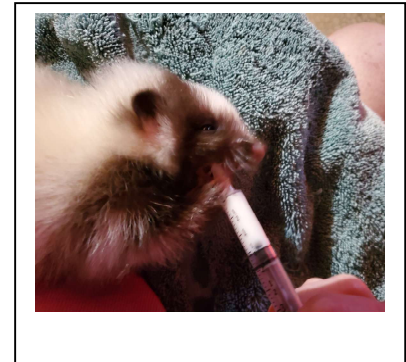
4. Dip Q-Tip in mixture and swab mucous membranes inside the mouth (cheeks, under tongue). Repeat until responsive. 5. After warmed completely and responsive, clear non-flavored Pedialyte may be offered with a dropper or syringe to lick. Do not force or squirt in mouth, also offer food in a syringe after hydrating.

6. See above information for eyes open and eyes closed. **Clover Field Wild life call in OHIO only!**

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