

# Found a Young Squirrel?



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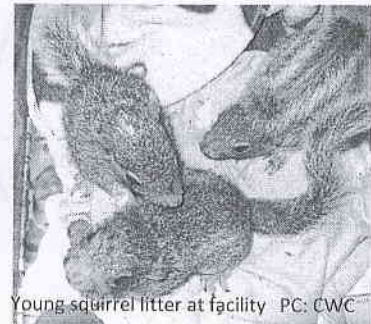


- Unless the young squirrel (pup) is injured, leave it alone as the mother is probably nearby and will pick up her pup.
- If the pup is at risk, place it in a box or basket that can be hung partway up a tree near the nest.
- Use something soft like an old T-shirt or pillowcase to line the box (don't use towels as tiny toenails can get caught in them).
- In colder weather, wrap a warm water bottle or heated rice sack in cloth and put that in the box with the young squirrels.
- If the mother has not retrieved the pups in a few hours, please call the Cape Wildlife Center.

Squirrels have litters of up to 4 or 5 young twice a year, in early spring and midsummer. Small, "friendly" squirrels with skinny tails are still too young and need their mother's care. Young squirrels are out of their nests by six weeks and on their own by eight to nine weeks of age. If the nest is destroyed and mother is still around, she will move her young to another site.



Infant squirrel in our facility PC: CWC



Young squirrel litter at facility PC: CWC



Wild squirrel nest PC: CWC

If the young squirrel is injured, mother does not return or you have any questions, call Cape Wildlife Center.

Remember to wear gloves when handling wildlife and if possible, leave wildlife in the wild where they belong.

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