

## **Animal Rescue**

### *I found a baby squirrel. What do I do?*

#### **Baby squirrels can easily be returned to their parents.**

Make a nest by filling a small woven basket with pine straw.

Put the baby squirrel in the nest and gently cover it with a another layer of pine straw.

Then attach the nest to the nearest tree close to where the squirrel was found, at a level that can be safely reached.

Then, leave the nest alone.

The mother will usually come and retrieve the baby and return it to the original nest or another one if the original has been destroyed.

*Note: Constant checking can deter the parent from returning.*

#### **Fact or Fiction?**

It is true that squirrels construct four to five nests simultaneously and move the babies every few days to a new nest.

#### **What Should You Do?**

You should contact a licensed rehabilitator. Visit [www.gadnrle.org](http://www.gadnrle.org) for a current list.

#### **Attempting to take care of a baby squirrel yourself is not the best solution.**

What you should know:

It is illegal to raise an orphan without a permit.

No human could ever do as good a job as the parents would.

Squirrels do not make good pets.

Squirrels, like most mammals when they are young, easily acclimate to humans, hindering their