

NOTE: Opossum mothers never come back for their babies, so reuniting them is not an option. The advice presented here is meant to be information you can use at your own discretion. Please visit our website for more information, or call us if you have additional questions or concerns.

## **STEPS**:

- Using gloves or cloth, pick up the baby or babies and place them in a box with a soft cloth, use an external source of heat such as a warm water bottle or hot, wet washcloth in a ziploc bag and wrapped in a t-shirt.
- Bring it to a WRC dropoff location. If you are unable to get it to a dropoff location within 2 hours, please call us for further instructions.

## **KEEP IN MIND**

- If you've found live baby opossums inside the pouch of a deceased mother, please call us immediately before trying to remove the babies.
- Warmth is vital. Baby squirrels cannot regulate their body temperature and will begin to suffer at room temperature. If they are not warm to the touch, they are too cold.
- Don't try to feed it any food unless instructed by a licensed wildlife rehabilitator; Pedialyte can be slowly syringed if the baby is warm.
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Call Us At: 904-779-5569. Our messages are checked often and you will receive a call back if you need help.

**Address:** 6853 Seaboard Ave. Jacksonville, FL 32244 ~ Hours Vary, Please Call Ahead **Website:** wildlifecoalition.com