

**NOTE:** Raccoons are rabies virus carriers It's incredibly rare for a baby raccoon to transmit rabies, especially if they do not have teeth yet, but always wear gloves and wash hands often when handling raccoons.

## **STEPS:**

- Determine if it is appropriate to attempt to reunite the baby with its mother, and follow directions at this link:
- If reuniting is not possible, place the baby 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**

- Warmth is vital. Baby raccoons 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.
- Baby raccoons are very social and cute babies, but grow into destructive, territorial adults. They aren't good pets; please allow a licensed wildlife rehabilitator to raise displaced raccoons so they can be released back into the wild when they are ready.

Call Us At: 904-779-5569.
Our messages are checked often and you will receive a call back if you need help.