

YOUR 5-STEP GUIDE

TO SAVING WILDLIFE SAFELY

1. *ASSESS THE SITUATION:*

Watch from a distance to determine if the animal needs help. Is a wing or limb broken, is her head drooping, does she let you approach instead of moving away? Don't talk to the animal and approach quietly and slowly.

2. *EXERCISE CAUTION:*

Don't put yourself in danger and don't use bare hands, no matter how vulnerable the animal appears. Even injured animals may bite or scratch. It's possible for animals to carry diseases, and many have parasites like fleas and ticks. Be prepared to wash up after.

3. *GET READY FOR ACTION:*

Prepare a covered box or other secure container with a blanket or towel on the bottom. Find gloves or something to cover your hands before you approach the animal.

4. *STOP AND CALL WILDCARE 415-456-SAVE!:*

We'll give you instructions on how to pick up and transport the animal to our hospital, or help you find the best resources in your local area. We'll also let you know if experts like local animal control should be called in to perform the rescue.

5. *TRANSPORT THE ANIMAL TO US OR TO YOUR LOCAL WILDLIFE CARE CENTER:*

Keep the animal warm using a heating pad if available (set heat to low, and only place half the box on the pad to prevent overheating). Don't offer food or water and don't handle her. Keep the car quiet. We'll be ready for the new patient when you arrive.

