

# Found an orphaned moose calf?

## Did you know?

- Moose calves will stay with their mother until they are at least 1.5 years of age, and female calves may stay with their mothers for much longer.
- In the first few weeks of life, the calf may rest in vegetation while the cow (mother) forages for food - calves that appear to be abandoned usually aren't.

- They are obviously injured.
- The mother is nowhere near her baby. But be careful! Cow moose are extremely protective of their young and while you may not see her right away, she could be foraging close by.
- They have not been cared for in over 24-hours and are crying out.

Signs a  
calf needs  
help:

## Injured Calves

If you come across a calf that is injured, please call our Wildlife Hotline for advice before intervening.

You can  
help!

Mothers will not reject their young if there is human scent on them, but you should still leave any calves exactly where you found them unless they are directly in harm's way (e.g. near a busy road).

If you move a calf and are worried your scent will attract predators (such as dogs), you can gently rub them with grass to remove some of your scent.



Have questions concerning injured or orphaned wildlife?  
Call our **Wildlife Hotline: 403-946-2361.**