

I think I found an orphaned skunk – what do I do?



Look for mum!

- Baby skunks are reliant on their mothers for the first few months. Count the number of babies and wait. If you don't see an adult skunk after a couple of hours, call us for help!
- Skunks are primarily nocturnal. If you see baby skunks out during the day without an adult skunk nearby, call us right away!
- Mothers will not reject their young if there is a human scent on them!

Myth
Busting

Did you
know:
Trapping
doesn't
work

Removing skunks from their territory will only make room for more skunks to move in. Call us for tips on cohabitating with your local skunks.

Skunks develop the ability to spray within a few weeks, but it will become more pungent as they get older. After a skunk sprays, it can take up to 10 days for them to replenish their scent, so they will only spray as a last resort to protect themselves from threats.

Skunks will often give lots of warning before spraying, including stamping their feet, raising their tail, hissing, and charging.

Watch for
Warning
Signs

Awesome
Neighbours!

Skunks are welcome neighbours. They play an important role in Alberta's ecosystem and generally keep to themselves. Skunks are great pest controllers, and will keep rodent and insect populations in your area in check, often without you even realising they are there!

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