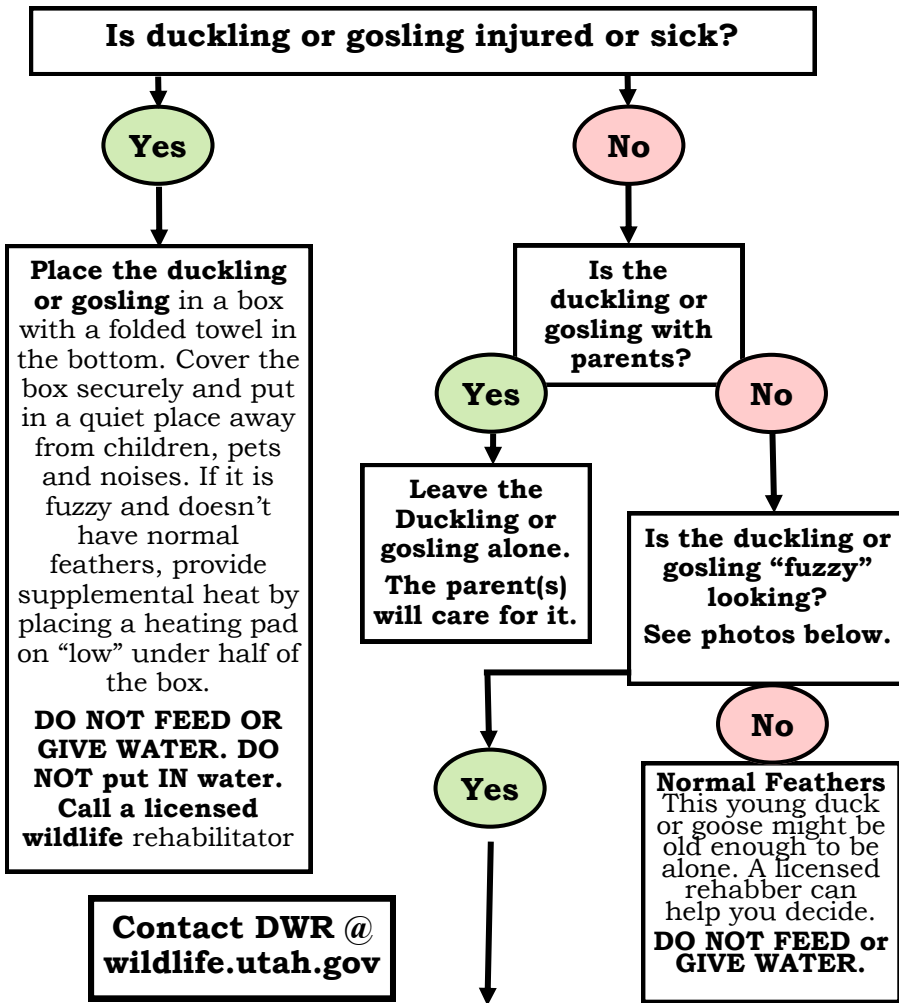


# I Found a baby Duck or Goose, **NOW WHAT?!**

Wild birds live near our homes and work places. Sometimes they need help and sometimes they do not, but how can you tell? Of the 200-500 orphaned baby ducklings we receive every year MOST are due to caring people interfering with mom and her babies. If you are ever in doubt, as to what to do, please call a licensed rehabber first. The Duckling/Gosling's best chance of survival is with its parent.



**Do NOT try to reintroduce the duckling or gosling to a family with similar age babies. Adult ducks will often kill babies that are not theirs and geese may or may not except a new baby.**

Go to the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources website "Contact" page for the office nearest you for more information.


[www.wildlife.utah.gov/about-us/contact-dwr](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/about-us/contact-dwr)

For humane purposes, if an animal has a severe injury, contacting the DWR is currently the best option but understand that they will not be able to help in many situations due to the high volume and types of injuries being out of their control.


Please visit our website for ways to help us raise the funds to relocate and get back up and running as we have for the past 13+ years—thank you!

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## Fact or Myth?

 Mother ducks nest away from water.


**Fact:** Often mother ducks nest far away from water and then lead their ducklings to water soon after hatching. This is when you may see a mother and her babies traveling, please let her take her planned route and do not chase or separate her from her babies—that can be deadly to the babies.

 It is illegal to keep a wild animal without a permit, even if you are trying to care for it and plan to release it.

**Fact:** Wild animal care requires very specific skills and knowledge. Wildlife Rehabbers are licensed by Utah DWR and the U.S. FWS to rehabilitate wildlife, and are the only ones permitted to treat wild animals; this gives them the best chance of survival.

 Orphaned baby ducks like to be cuddled, pet, and talked to.

**Myth:** they are TERRIFIED of us and think we are predators who want to EAT THEM! Placing them in a dark covered box where they are not able to see or hear us helps to keep them calm.

 Placing a duckling near a pond is fine and safe.

**Myth:** A duckling can not survive on its own without its mother's warmth and protection from predators. Ducklings without a mother will perish.



Left: This duckling is fuzzy and still needs its mother.



Right: This duckling is getting normal "mature" feathers and may not need mom. Call A licensed