

I Found a Skunk



What to do if you found a skunk depends on the state in which you live. In Illinois, it is currently illegal for licensed wildlife rehabilitators to rehabilitate skunks. Additionally, Illinois state law requires that nuisance wildlife removal services (trapping services) euthanize all skunks they pick up regardless of whether the animal is injured or healthy. If you have a skunk living under your deck or in your window well, please follow the appropriate decision tree in the Found an Animal section of our website. If you have an injured skunk, check into your state Department of Natural Resources to determine whether a wildlife rehabilitator can help you. If a wildlife rehabilitator is unable to help, such as in Illinois, you will need to contact your local animal control (village, city or county) or a licensed nuisance removal service to have the animal euthanized.