

Even if the mother opossum on the road is dead, her babies can be saved!

Adult Opossum



Pinky babies
in pouch



Gaping is scary to
look at, but is rarely
followed by a bite



Often, in the spring and summer adult opossums are hit and killed on the road. Babies can be saved, if pulled off of mom on time!

Wear gloves if you can, and wash your hands after

Opossum joeys (babies), swallow their mother's nipple, which drips milk into the baby's stomach continuously. This helps to ensure that baby doesn't fall out of the pouch. To remove one, hold very close to the face of the baby, and gently pull until you feel a release. Once you pull them out, put them in a box with a cloth under them and find a licensed rehabilitator as soon as possible.

DO NOT give them any food or water, but do keep them in a warm, dry place away from pets and children.

Opossum Benefits to Humans:

As America's only marsupial, opossums do many things for humans, including keeping down the rodent population and cleaning up "road kill".

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