

Found a sick or dead red squirrel?



The Wildlife Trust for
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how to identify
squirrel pox



Here's what to do...

Take it to a vet

For sick reds, the priority is to go to a vet ASAP - vets will not charge to see wildlife. Please remember that even sick squirrels can give a nasty bite. Wear thick gloves and throw a towel over the squirrel. You will need a cat basket or sturdy box (with ventilation) to confine it. See [next page](#) for a list of local vets.

Contact Lancashire Wildlife Trust

Call our Red Squirrel Officer on **07590 745 862** for advice and to arrange collection of sick or dead red squirrels during weekdays:

Please be aware that this number is not monitored evenings or weekends and it may take us a while to get back to you. If you cannot get hold of us and you have a sick red squirrel, please do not wait. Leave a voicemail and then contact RSPCA.

Contact RSPCA

If you cannot take a sick red to a vet or get hold of LWT, please contact RSPCA on **0300 1234 999** for collection. If you are able to, place a box or basket with ventilation over the squirrel while you wait for an officer to attend.



Local vets



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If you take the sick squirrel to the vet, please give them the Red Squirrel Officer number 07590 745 862 so we can liaise with them. Vets will not charge to see wildlife.

Village Vets

1 Brows Lane
Formby
L37 3HY
01704 872924

[Google maps location](#)

Vets 4 Pets

(inside Pets at Home)

Ocean Plaza
Marine Drive
Southport, PR8 1SA
01704 511030

[Google maps location](#)

Vets 4 Pets

(inside Pets at Home)

Racecourse Retail Park
Aintree
L9 5AN
0151 5302040

[Google maps location](#)

Parker & Crowther Vets

113 Church Road
Formby
L37 3ND
01704 877145

[Google maps location](#)



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Physical signs

Scabs, lesions, redness, weeping, and scratching around eyes, mouth feet, and genitals

Behaviour

A squirrel with squirrel pox will be lethargic and is therefore often easy to contain. However, lethargy may not have set in yet if the it is newly infected. Always take precautions when attempting to contain a squirrel as they can still deliver a nasty bite.

Similar symptoms

Red squirrels can also suffer from leprosy. Symptoms can be similar to pox but scabs and lesions are found all over the body and they can suffer more hair loss. Follow the same guidance as squirrel pox ([page 1](#)).

Squirrels in moult will often look unwell due to patchy fur. Moulting occurs as they shed their coats for summer.

