



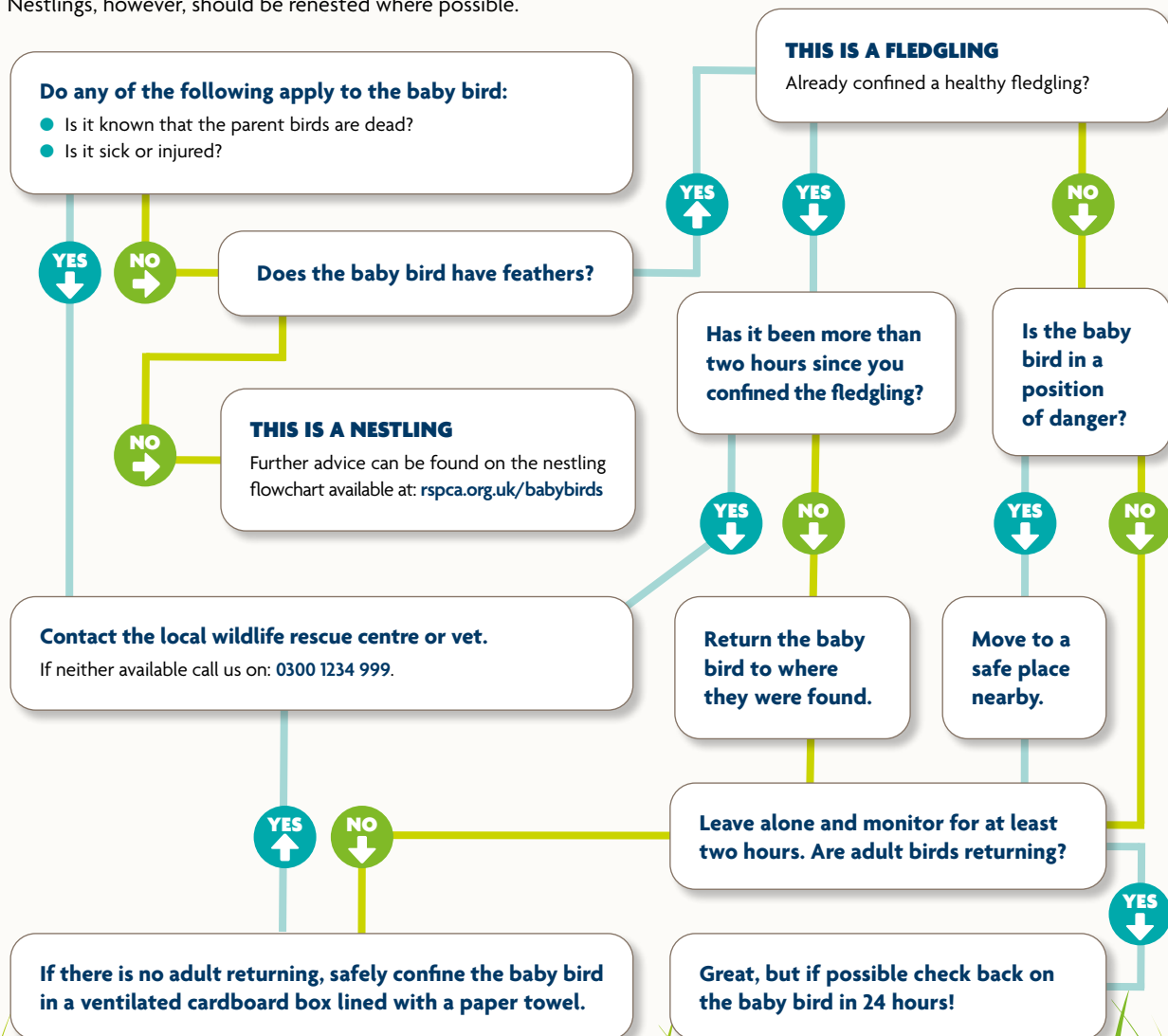
**REMEMBER** to wear sturdy gloves any time you handle wildlife and don't give the baby animals food or water. Avoid handling unless absolutely necessary, so you don't cause unnecessary stress and make sure you keep any pets well away from the birds.



# Found a **baby bird** out of the nest?

**Fledglings have all or most of their feathers and leave the nest just before they can fly. Nestlings are baby birds that have little or no feathers, which will not survive long outside the protection of the nest.**

Birds take far better care of their babies than humans can, so baby birds should only be taken into care as a last resort. It's usually best to keep pets away, leave the fledgling alone and monitor, as the parents are usually nearby and feeding the bird. Nestlings, however, should be re-nested where possible.



**Visit: [www.rspca.org.uk/babybirds](http://www.rspca.org.uk/babybirds) for more advice and video examples of re-nesting. Specific advice is also available for species including young waterfowl, gulls, swifts, corvids and birds of prey.**