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### Caption

This badger has an embarrassing moment as it falls off a tree branch in the middle of the night. The clumsy cub was caught out by a remote trigger camera in a private woodland in Shropshire.

Wildlife photographer Richard Bowler said, "I followed the progress of four rescued badgers as they returned to the wild using a camera trap."

"The badger struggled to grip with its paws as it attempted to climb onto the trunk. That was its first and only attempt to climb the fallen tree branch."

"There were no other badgers present prior to the cubs being released which is why this private location was chosen. This is also to protect them from culling and illegal persecution."

"Before release, the cubs were tested for and vaccinated against bTB to ensure they pose no threat to the farming community."

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(FOTO: DUKAS/SOLENT NEWS) \*\*\* Local Caption \*\*\* The badger is struggling to grip with its paws as it attempts to climb onto the tree trunk. Shropshire, UK.

The falling off the log images 16th Oct 2021

As I said when uploading the images I'd only give the location as private Shropshire woodland, to protect the badgers from the cull and illegal persicution.

There were no badgers present prior to releasing the cubs, that is why the location was chosen for the release site. I followed the badgers progress up until early this year.

Jammy dodgers are also a favourite for badgers, but it has to be remembered its not a healthy diet for the badgers, used sparingly it does no harm. Whenever I visited the location I also left some

healthy food for them. Peanuts, corn on the cob, dog or cat biscuits, just enough to help them if they were struggling to find food naturally.
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