

# I Found a Baby Mammal

## WHAT SHOULD I DO?

### To find a wildlife rehabilitator contact:

- Audubon Society
- Veterinarian
- Humane Society
- State Wildlife Agency
- Wild bird stores



Is baby animal sick or hurt? (bleeding, cold, weak, shivering, caught by a cat/dog, dehydrated)



**NO**  
Can you find the den or nest?

**YES**  
Call a wildlife rehabilitator

### If you find baby bunnies:

- Damaged nests can be repaired. Look for a shallow depression lined with grass/fur. Place babies in nest with a light layer of grass to hide them. Leave the area; mothers won't return if people or pets are present.
- Mothers return at dawn & dusk to nurse.
- After dawn or dusk, check to see if the nest has been disturbed. Check to see if babies' bellies are full. If so, the mother has returned.
- If you find healthy bunnies that are 4-5 inches long, able to hop, and have their eyes open and ears up, they do not need help.
- Call a wildlife rehabilitator with any questions.

**NO**  
Place the baby in a shallow box close to where it was found. Keep it warm but protected from the weather.

**YES**  
Place the baby in the den or nest

Watch for the mother for 4-6 hours. Stay completely out of sight. Mothers won't return if people or pets are present. Don't leave daytime animals out overnight; the parent is sleeping



Did the mother return?

**NO**  
Call a wildlife rehabilitator

**YES**  
Leave the area, the baby is okay.

### If you find a fawn:

- Mothers leave their babies bedded down for long periods while they are out foraging.
- If the fawn is injured or if people or pets threaten its safety, call a wildlife rehabilitator.
- Otherwise, leave the fawn alone and leave the area. After dusk or dawn, return to see if mother or fawn is present

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