

I Found a Baby Mammal

Now What?



To Find a wildlife rehabilitator in your area, contact

- Your state wildlife agency
- Humane Society
- Audubon Society
- Wild bird stores
- City Animal control officer
- Veterinarian (wildlife/exotic)
- Coast Guard or Marine Patrol
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Wildlife Rehab Info Directory: (wildfirehab.virtualave.net)

Is baby animal hurt or sick
(bleeding, shivering, vomiting;
was attacked by cat/dog?)

No

Yes

**Can you find the nest or den?
Is it intact?**

Yes

No

**Place baby in
nest/den.**

**Place baby in
shallow box close to
where it was found.**
Keep it warm but out of
sun.

**Watch for mother for
4-6 hours.**
Stay completely out of sight.
Mothers won't return if *any*
people or pets are present.

Did the Mother return?

Yes

No

Leave the area.
Baby is OK.

**Call a wildlife
rehabilitator.**

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Unable to reach a wildlife rehabilitator?
Call your state wildlife agency or a wildlife
Veterinarian.

If you are unable to reach any of the
Above, see instructions on back of this
page: **"How to rescue Baby Mammals"**

**A baby's
best chance
for survival
is its mother**

If you find baby bunnies:

•If their nest has been damaged it can be repaired. Look for a shallow depression lined with grass/fur. Place babies in nest with light layers at grass to hide them. Leave the area, or the mother won't return. (Mothers return only at dawn & dusk.)

•If you find healthy bunnies that are 4-5 inches long, able to hop, with eyes open and ears up, they do not need help. They are able to survive on their own. Leave them alone. Questions? Call a wildlife rehabilitator.



If you find a seal pup or fawn:

•Mothers normally leave their babies to feed.

•If baby looks cold, hungry, diseased, or confused, or if dogs, other animals, or people threaten its safety, **call a wildlife rehabilitator** or park ranger.

•Otherwise, **leave the baby alone** and leave the area. The mother will not return if people or pets are present.



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