

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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