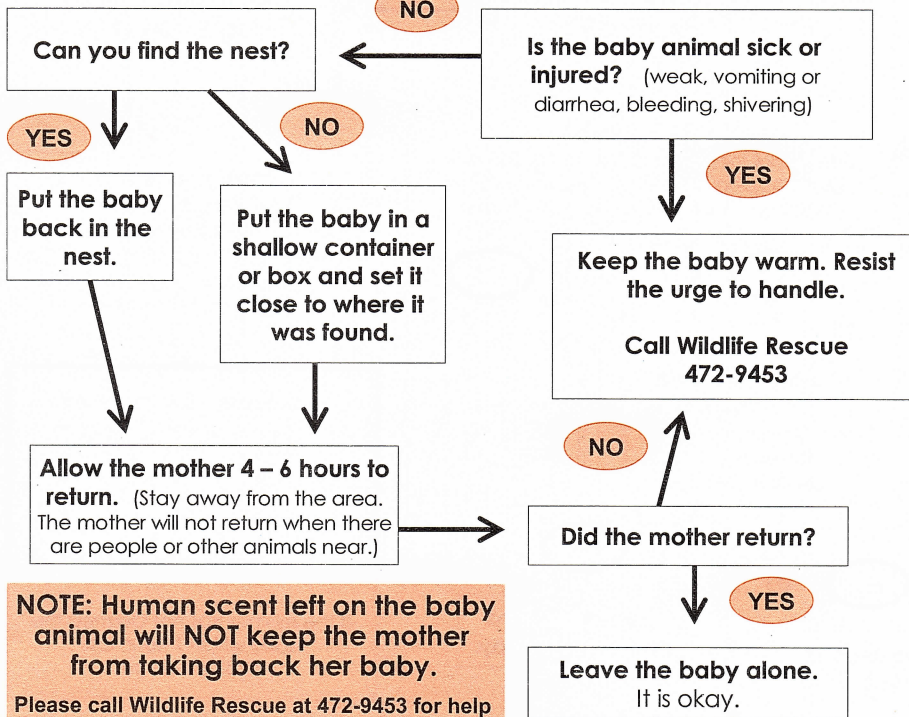



# Found a Baby Mammal ? What to do Next



PLEASE DO NOT FEED OR WATER



**NOTE: Human scent left on the baby animal will NOT keep the mother from taking back her baby.**  
Please call Wildlife Rescue at 472-9453 for help reuniting baby raccoons with the mother.

**If you find a fawn:** 

It is normal for the doe to leave it alone for several hours at a time. The fawn will often lay flat with its head down (called "pancaking").

**DO NOT GIVE IT ANYTHING TO EAT OR DRINK.**

If it is cold, hungry, sick, or in an unsafe area call **Wildlife Rescue**. 472-9453

**If you find a baby bunny:**

Look for the nest (a shallow depression in the ground lined with grass and fur.) Put the bunny back in the nest and cover with grass to hide. The mother spends most of her time away from the nest returning to feed at dusk & dawn.

Healthy bunnies are on their own when they are the size of a tennis ball or 4-5 inches long.

## Baby Mammal Rescue Guide

1. Obtain and prepare a container: Some things that work nicely include dog/cat carriers, cardboard boxes, rubbermaid storage container with lids (be sure to make holes for air) or paper sacks. Line the container with soft cloth, tissue, paper towels or newspaper.
2. Wear gloves if possible.
3. Place a thick towel or blanket over the baby.
4. Gently scoop up the baby with the towel and put it in the prepared container.
5. Provide warmth: Place a portion of the container on a heating pad set to **LOW** or put a heat source next to the baby. Use a covered plastic soda bottle or a rubber glove filled with warm water. A sock filled with rice and then heated in the microwave will also work.
6. Close the container and seal shut.
7. Make a mental note of where you found the baby.
8. Keep the baby in a warm, dark, quiet place away from pets and children. Resist the urge to handle as this will cause undue stress to the animal. Do not give it anything to eat.
9. Wash your hands well. Wild animals can carry diseases and parasites.
10. Call Wildlife Rescue at **472-9453** for instructions on where to take the animal.