A baby’s best chance of survival is its mother!!

I found a Baby Mammal!

Is the animal a raccoon, bat, skunk, fox or coyote?

- No
  - Is the animal hurt or sick? (bleeding, weak or shivering, vomiting attacked by a dog or cat)
    - No
      - Can you find the nest or den? Is the nest or den intact?
        - No
          - Place baby in a shallow box close to where it was found. Keep it warm but out of the direct sun.
        - Yes
          - Place baby back in nest or den.
    - Yes
      - Call a Wildlife Rehabilitator!
  - Yes
    - Contact your local Animal Control, Health Department, or Wildlife Resources Commission.

Is the animal a fawn?

- Yes
  - A mother’s instinct is very strong, moving the baby back to its nest or placing it in a nest you create will not detour mom from caring for her young.
- No
  - If you find healthy baby bunnies that are 4-5 inches in length, able to hop around, with eyes open and ears up, they do not need help. They are able to survive on their own, please leave them alone.

Watch for mother for a minimum of 4 hours remain completely out of sight. Mothers will not return if any people or pets are present.

Did mother return?

- Yes
  - Leave the area.
  - Baby is OK!
- No
  - Call a Wildlife Rehabilitator!

If you find a fawn

- Mother deer leave their young while they feed. Fawns have no smell to them and lay perfectly still to be safe from predators.
- If the baby looks cold, hungry, diseased, confused, or if dogs, other animals, or people threaten its safety, call a wildlife rehabilitator.
- If the baby seems healthy and is just alone, leave the area and leave the baby alone! The mother will not return if people or pets are around.

*It's against the law to keep wild animals if you do not have proper permits, even if you plan to release them!*

If you find baby rabbits

*Mother rabbits only feed their babies twice a day, at dawn and at dusk! You will not see them any other time during the day!*

*If their nest has been damaged it can be repaired, Look for a shallow depression lined with grass and fur. Place the babies in the nest with light layers of grass to hide them. Leave the area.

*If you are unsure of the mother returning place long stems of grass or small twigs in an X shape over the top of the nest. Mom will move these when she returns. Check the nest after dark or the next morning.

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