I FOUND A BABY MAMMAL...NOW WHAT?

IS THE BABY MAMMAL HURT OR SICK?

(bleeding, shivering, vomiting; was attacked by cat/dog?)

yes → **Call an LDWF licensed wildlife rehabilitator* (contact info on back) or licensed wildlife veterinarian PRIOR to intervening.**

no

CAN YOU FIND THE NEST OR DEN? IS IT INTACT?

yes

PLACE BABY BACK IN NEST OR DEN

no

MAKE A SUBSTITUTE NEST/DEN

Place baby in shallow box close to where it was found making certain to add drain holes to bottom of box. Keep it warm but out of sun.

OBSERVE FOR 4-6 HOURS. DID THE MOTHER RETURN?

Stay completely out of sight. Mothers won't return if any people or pets are present.

yes → **LEAVE THE AREA**

Baby is OK

no

Call an LDWF licensed wildlife rehabilitator* (contact info on back) or licensed wildlife veterinarian.

IF YOU CARE, LEAVE IT THERE

A baby's best chance for survival is with its MOTHER!

NOTE

In Louisiana, it is against the law to possess injured/orphaned mammals without an LDWF Rehabilitation permit, even if you plan to release them. It is also against the law to possess/import/export wildlife as pets or for the pet trade in Louisiana.

FIND AN LDWF LICENSED WILDLIFE REHABILITATOR* IN YOUR AREA

VISIT ***WWW.WLF.LA.GOV/PAGE/PERMITTED-WILDLIFE-REHABILITATORS***

Contact a LDWF Regional Wildlife Office:

Minden	318-371-3049
Monroe	318-343-2417
Pineville	318-487-5634
Lafayette	337-262-2080
Lake Charles	337-491-2580
Thibodaux	985-447-0821
Baton Rouge	225-765-2800
New Orleans	504-284-2023

LDWF Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitators are **NOT employees of the state or the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries and are not on call 24 hours/day. Most licensed individuals work separate jobs and volunteer their time and efforts. Please be respectful of the licensed rehabbers capabilities, as rehabbers often specialize in certain species or establish limits on the quantity they can accept and properly care for.*

INJURED/ORPHANED ADULT DEER OR FAWN

IMPORTANT: Do not interact with the deer/fawn

contact a LDWF Regional Office:
www.wlf.la.gov/page/contact-us

1-800-442-2511

- **Fawns are virtually scentless and use camouflage (coats dappled with white spots) to avoid predation.**
- **Does often leave fawns alone for hours to forage and to reduce attracting predators to the fawn.**
- **You are most likely to see fawns in Louisiana from March-September.**
- **Licensed wildlife rehabilitators shall not and are not authorized to rehabilitate deer, alligators, black bears and wild turkeys**

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BABY RABBITS

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 of 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.**

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