



BEFORE YOU RESCUE A WILD ANIMAL, ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS!

MANY TIMES INJURED WILD ANIMALS DO NOT NEED TO BE RESCUED AND MAY RECOVER ON THEIR OWN IF LEFT ALONE. HOWEVER, IF YOU SEE ANIMALS WITH ANY OF THE CONDITIONS LISTED BELOW, CONTACT A WILDLIFE REHABILITATOR OR LOCAL ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

How do you know if the wild animal needs to be rescued?

- You see a wild animal being hit or struck by something.
- You see a dead wild animal parent nearby.
- You observe signs of bleeding or a broken limb on the wild animal.
- You believe the wild animal has been injured by a cat or dog.
- You see a wild animal shivering or appearing lost and confused.
- You see a young wild animal crying and wandering around all day.
- You find a wild baby bird who cannot flap or move away from you or a beached seabird.
- You observe a wild baby mammal too young to be out of a nest.



If the animal needs rescue, what should you do BEFORE attempting?

- CONTACT a wildlife rehabilitation facility or your city's animal control services.
- WAIT FOR proper guidance from a trained professional (i.e., capture, handle, confine, feed/water).
- DO NOT drop off wild animals at a location unless instructed to do so.

If you call a wildlife rehabilitator, what will happen?

- Wildlife rehabilitators are licensed and trained to treat wildlife and release them back into nature.
- Wildlife rehabilitators are NOT "on call" 24/7, nor are wildlife rehabilitation centers staffed 24/7. Check their website for how to contact and when the center is open.
- Be considerate when asking for help. Wildlife rehabilitators operate with limited resources. They will do everything they can or are allowed to do to help you and the animal.
- Wildlife rehabilitators may be limited by law and space restrictions as to the number or species of animals they can accept.
- Wildlife rehabilitators usually must rely on others to transport animals to them, so don't expect transport and be prepared to transport the animal to them with their instructions as to how to do so and when.

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