

I Found a Baby Mammal!

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How to Look for Dehydration

Gently pinch the skin on the animal's back. The skin should not stay up when released.



Is the animal injured or sick?
Is it cold, weak or dehydrated?
Was it caught by a cat or dog?



NO

Can you find the nest or den?



YES

Call Chintimini Wildlife Center.

NO

Place baby in a shallow box close to where it was found. Keep it warm but protected from the weather.

YES

Place baby in nest/den.

Unable to reach a rehabilitator?
Call your state wildlife agency or a wildlife veterinarian.

Watch for the mother for up to 4 hours. Stay completely out of sight. Mothers won't return if **any** people or pets are present (don't leave day time animals, like squirrels, out overnight; parent is asleep).

Did the mother return and take her baby?

NO

Call Chintimini Wildlife Center.

YES

Leave the area.
Baby is okay.

To find a wildlife rehabilitator in your area, contact:

- * Humane Society
- * Audubon Society
- * City Animal Control officer
- * Veterinarian
- * Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife



If you find baby bunnies:

- **If their nest is damaged, it can be repaired.** Look for a shallow depression lined with grass/fur. Place babies in nest with light layer of grass to hide them, creating a "tic-tac-toe" shape over the nest. Leave the area, or else the mother won't return. Mothers only return at dawn & dusk to nurse.
- After next dawn or dusk period, check to see if the nest has been disturbed and the tic-tac-toe has been moved. Check to see if the babies' bellies are full. If so, the mother has returned.
- If you find healthy bunnies that are 4-5 inches long, able to hop, and have their eyes open and ears up, they do not need help. They are able to survive on their own; leave them alone.
- Questions? Call Chintimini Wildlife Center.

If you find a fawn:

- Mothers normally leave their babies "bedded down" for long periods of time while they are out foraging.
- If the fawn is injured or laying in an abnormal position (e.g.: on its side), call Chintimini Wildlife Center.
- Otherwise, leave the fawn and leave the area. After the following dusk or dawn period, return to check if mother or fawn are present.

