



Wildlife Inc.

Education & Rehabilitation Center

Wildlife Inc. Education and Rehabilitation Center's mission is to Preserve and Protect native wildlife through education & rehabilitation.

Founded in 1988, we have served the community, continuously, for several decades through raising awareness of and rehabilitating over 3,000 wild animals each year.

Wildlife Inc. Education and Rehabilitation Center is a licensed wildlife rehabilitation facility serving ALL Florida Native species.

**FOR HELP, CALL YOUR
LOCAL WILDLIFE RESCUE**

HOW TO SAFELY RESCUE INJURED, SICK or ORPHANED WILDLIFE

ALWAYS REMEMBER:

*Is rescue necessary or
is the animal simply resting,
momentarily stunned, or
capable of recovery on its own?*



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**IT IS ILLEGAL FOR ANYONE
WITHOUT A PERMIT TO
RAISE WILDLIFE**

RESCUING WILDLIFE

- Do NOT give water or food to any animal until you talk to a licensed rehabilitator.
- Do NOT put any bird or mammal on heat or heating pad.
- Do NOT try to handle any adult species by yourself. Cover their eyes with towel or soft cloth.
- NOBODY is allowed to help an adult deer in Florida. Call Fish & Wildlife Commission at 888-404-3922.
- If birds or ducks can get into water or can fly, capturing them becomes **impossible**.

HOW TO HANDLE

For BABY Bunnies, Opossums or Squirrels, Otters or Bobcats

Place in a box, keep in a warm, dry place away from pets and children.

For BABY Raccoons, Skunks, Foxes, Bats

These mammals, especially bats, can carry rabies

Put the animal in a box using heavy gloves or hold a box sideways next to the animal and push it easily into the box with a broom, shovel or stick, etc.

For BABY Owls, Hawks, Vultures, Great Blue Herons, Egrets and Cormorants

Keep it in a box, in a warm, dry and dark place away from pets and children.

CAUTION!

Do not approach a large, downy covered chick. Birds of Prey (owls, hawks, eagles, vultures, falcons) frequently fall from their nests. Parents WILL attack. Maintain a safe distance and CALL for help.

Do not attempt to handle an adult Great Blue Heron or Egret or Owl, they are incredibly dangerous. Anhingas and Cormorants are quick with their beaks.

For Blue Jays, Mockingbirds, Doves, Sparrows, Cardinals

Keep it in a box, in a warm, dry and dark place away from pets and children. Keep it as DARK of a place as possible. These small birds do not eat after dark, they shut down making eating or drinking unnecessary.

For Waterfowl

DO NOT pick up ducks or geese who are standing around; chances are they are nesting and must be left alone. *As with all native birds, they are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Interfering with them or their nest is against federal law.*

Place an injured bird or duck in a box with a towel under them, keep them in a warm, dry place.

For Fawns

Mom leaves her baby “parked” most of the time for the first two months. If you find a baby alone, either lying down in a curled up position, it is most likely fine and should be left alone. Otherwise, if it looks sick or injured, DO NOT CHASE IT. That could kill it. If you can quietly capture the fawn, keep it in a warm, dry place, away from pets and children.