



Found an Orphaned or Injured Wild Animal?

Please call the Wildlife Clinic of Rhode Island any time at (401) 294-6363 for help and guidance on what to do. All types of wildlife have unique needs. Handling wild animals – even the cutest little babies – requires precaution.

Always wear gloves when handling wildlife!



If it is determined the animal needs assistance, then:

- Find a small box with a secure lid and create ventilation.
(For example, you can poke small holes in the sides of a cardboard box).
- Pick up the animal gently with gloves on.
- Place the animal in the box with soft cloth on the bottom.
- Add a heat source only if recommended by the Wildlife Clinic or a wildlife rehabilitator (animals with head injuries should not be put on heat).
- Place the box in a quiet, dark room.
- **PLEASE DO NOT GIVE FOOD or WATER** as this could hurt the animal!
- Bring the animal to the Wildlife Clinic of RI, located at 2865 Tower Hill Road, Saunderstown. When transporting, please keep the radio off, keep voices low or do not talk at all, and avoid bringing barking dogs during your drive. Captured wild animals are very stressed so keeping their surroundings as quiet as possible makes a big difference!