



Call a wildlife  
rehabilitator or shelter  
when you find an  
injured or orphaned  
animal

#### RESOURCES

For more information, go to  
[virginiawildlifehelp.weebly.com](http://virginiawildlifehelp.weebly.com)

## Virginia Wildlife

VOLUNTEER, DONATE,  
SPREAD THE WORD





## WILDLIFE CARE

### ORPHANED WILDLIFE

If you call a wildlife shelter or rehabilitator and are instructed to bring the animal in, all you have to do is pick it up with a towel or blanket and place it inside a pet carrier or shoe box with a lid. There is no need to provide it with food or water; simply take it to the shelter, and keep it warm using a sock or bag full of warm rice or water. For more information on orphaned wildlife, see [viriniawildlifehelp.weebly.com](http://viriniawildlifehelp.weebly.com).

### PETS

Cat and dog saliva is toxic to wildlife, so make sure that your pets have collars with bells or tags that will alert wildlife to their presence. Additionally, make sure to vaccinate your dogs for distemper so that the disease does not spread to wildlife or your pets.

### INJURED WILDLIFE

Injured animals require a little more caution than orphaned wildlife. If you find an injured animal and need to bring it to a wildlife shelter or rehabilitator, you should follow the same steps as you would with orphaned wildlife without providing any kind of heat source. Putting an injured animal on heat can make inflammation worse. If you can't bring the animal in, in the case of raccoons, foxes, or other rabies-vector animals, make sure to keep an eye on the animal so that rehabilitators can easily locate it.

### ANIMAL HELP NOW!

Visit the Animal Help Now! website or app for resources and information on wildlife in your area.