

Orphaned Wildlife:

Is it really orphaned?

Many species leave their offspring for many hours. Parents will not come back if people are near nest.

How do you know if it is an orphan:

Fawn left in same spot for several days and is calling out

Small raccoon by itself looking lethargic

Small skunk alone

Opossum less than 7 inches long without the tail

Rabbit with eyes closed

Bird without feathers and parents not seen for more than 24 hours

If an orphaned Black Bear, Coyote or Bobcat is found – call the DEP Wildlife Division (860) 424-3011

Found a baby

Fledgling birds (have feathers) are trying to fly, parents will still feed them. Keep pets indoors.

Baby bird (naked) – place back in nest or in a basket hanging as close to the nest as possible.

Baby squirrel – place in a basket at the base of the tree it fell out of

Nest of bunnies – recover the nest with leaf litter and place two pieces of string in an + shape. Check in 12-24 hours, if mother was there string will be disturbed. If string has not been moved-refer to rehab.

Nest of skunks – cover with a laundry basket. Check back in 12-24 hours, mother is strong enough to push basket over. If mother did not return- call museum for rehabilitator information.

Nest of Raccoons – place babies in a pet carrier, prop door closed with a stick (do not latch). Check back in 12-24 hours. Mother is strong enough to move stick and open door. If mother did not return-refer to rehab

Fawn – unless you see the dead doe or hear the fawn crying for more than 12 hours leave it alone. Does will bed their fawn away from themselves on purpose. If the fawn has been touched by a human, wipe it down with a towel that has been rubbed in dirt to get rid of smell. If dead doe is nearby or fawn continues to cry for 12 hours, call museum for rehabilitator information

Injured wildlife: The Sanctuary does not do wildlife rehabilitation. Call museum for rehabilitator contact information.

Nuisance Wildlife: The Sanctuary does not remove nuisance wildlife. Call museum for wildlife nuisance control officer contact information.

Rabies vector species: Fox, Skunk, Raccoon (All mammals can carry rabies)

Just because an animal is out during the day does not mean it has rabies.

Some signs are:

Unprovoked aggression

Lethargy

Unusually tame

Paralysis

Disorientation

Convulsions

If the animal is showing signs – STAY AWAY AND KEEP PETS AND KIDS AWAY! Call the DEP at (860) 424-3333. This line is open 24 hours.

If the animal that is suspected to be rabid came in contact (bite or scratch) with people or pets try not to let the animal out of sight so it can be caught and tested. If the animal is a pet get owners name. If you need help catching the animal call local police, local health department or DEP at (860) 424-3333