

Until you reach a rehabilitator, keep the animal warm, in a quiet and sheltered place, without excessive handling. If you are able to safely contain the animal in a box with a lid, do that before calling. Wear gloves to protect your hands and be sure to make air holes in the box. Keep all pets and children away from wild animals. Do not give food or liquid of any kind, especially cow's milk as this can kill them.

An animal that has been in a cat's mouth needs medical attention. Cats have deadly bacteria that can cause infection or death in wild animals. Please contact a rehabilitator as soon as possible so the animal may receive antibiotics.

If you leave a message with a rehabilitator, please be sure to give a phone number where you can be reached and the city you are in. Our rehabilitators are volunteers and will call you back as soon as possible. Please give the person you call time to call you back. Calling several people will waste time and resources. We want to help you quickly and efficiently, but if 2 or 3 rehabbers are working the same animal call, other animals are having to wait. Most of our rehabbers text and often this is the quickest way to reach them.

Please do not have children call for you. We need to speak with an adult. Precious time is often wasted as we cannot understand what is being said or we still need to speak to you.

We also request your assistance in transporting the animal to the rehabber. We cannot properly care for the ones already in our care if we are not at home. Driving to pick up new patients takes precious time away from feedings and general care of our patients.

Thank you for taking the time to help an animal in need! We do what we do because it's important to us, and we love it.

Here are the numbers of our rehabbers by species:

Squirrel, Carole in Woodruff, 907-4178, Debbie in Greer, 477-0755, Karen in Anderson, 202-9979, Jenna in Mauldin, 593-2713, and Kathy in Greenville, 313-5302

Flying Squirrel, Wendy in Greenville, 423-2328, Debbie in Greer, 477-0755

Chipmunk, Wendy in Greenville, 423-2328

Opossum, Connie in Greenville, 243-7311 or Nanette in Greer, 915-8517

Raccoon, Carole in Woodruff, 907-4178, Donna in Travelers Rest, 303-2238, Brendy in Ft. Inn, 275-7392

Hawk and Owl, Linda in Piedmont, 270-9662 or 845-6965, Julie in Greenville, 630-5698

Rabbit, Kim in Simpsonville, 302-345-1855

Skunk, fox, bobcat, coyote, cougar, or wolf, Linda in Piedmont, 270-9662 or 845-6965

Beaver, weasel, otter, Linda in Piedmont, 270-9662 or 845-6965

Groundhog, Wendy in Greenville, 423-2328, Linda in Piedmont, 270-9662, Debbie in Greer, 477-0755

Turtle or snake, Connie in Greenville, 243-7311, Kelli in Pelzer, 963-4106

Waterfowl, Angel in Simpsonville, 303-6171

Deer, Kathy in Seneca, 247-7347 or Megan in Walhalla, 420-2975

A word about some of our more dangerous animals....

If you have found an injured snake, please be aware that we do have several venomous snakes in our area. Snakes are venomous from the moment of birth. Bring all pets and children inside. Please do not handle a snake if you think it may be venomous.

Please realize that Wildlife Rehab of Greenville does not rehabilitate adult deer as they are very dangerous to handle. We can only take fawns. If you have an adult deer that needs assistance, call the Department of Natural Resources at 800-922-5431.

Bat, fox, raccoon, skunk, bobcat, cougar, coyote, and wolf are considered a rabies vector species. If you are bitten or scratched by any of these animals, wash the area with soap and water and immediately call your doctor or the Rabies Control Center at Greenville County Health Department at 282-4164.

If you find an adult, please call the Department of Natural Resources at 800-922-5431.

If you find an abandoned baby, call a rehabilitator for more instructions.