



Wildlife Rescue: Help, Don't Hurt!

Basic tips on how to determine if an animal is in need of rescue.
If so, please call WRG immediately.

864-233-0339

ALL WILD ANIMALS ARE RISKY TO HANDLE. Rescue is necessary if the animal is obviously injured, cold to the touch, weak or if you know for sure that the parent is dead. Observe the animal for some time from a distance. If animal is in need of assistance, place in a cardboard box with paper towels or newspaper and keep it warm.

DO NOT GIVE WATER OR FOOD and CALL WRG IMMEDIATELY!

Reptiles – Lizard, Snake or Turtle

If found crossing the road, carefully move them to the side of the road in the direction they are facing. If injured, note where the animal was found, keep it warm and dry, but *do not feed or soak*. **Call WRG.**

Raccoons

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO HANDLE!

They need to stay with their mother six or more months. If you see them at night, leave them alone. They are nocturnal. If you see them during the day **call WRG.**



Squirrels

Who are able to be handled are usually under eight weeks old and need their mother. Put in a hanging basket and watch them for 2-3 hours for mother to return and move them. If she doesn't come back, **call WRG.**

Birds

Feathered out with very little down are fledglings learning to feed and fly. Put them back close to where you found them and leave them alone. Parents will usually return to feed. A hanging basket is an ideal temporary nest. If the birds are younger **call WRG.**



Bunnies

If bunnies eyes are open, and they are 4-6 inches long, they are on their own. They should be placed in a "thicket" near water if possible, and left alone! Golf courses and public parks are ideal release sites. If they are younger, **call WRG.**

Opossums

Are nocturnal. If you see them at night, leave them alone. If you see one that looks injured or abandoned during the day, **call WRG.**



Ducks & Geese

If you do not see parents present, watch for a short period to see if parents come back. These babies require special care and are federally protected. **Call WRG**



If the animal is obviously sick, injured or orphaned, please call the WRG immediately!

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WRG is a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation organization serving the Upstate of SC.

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Raptors

Includes All Species Of Owls and Hawks

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO HANDLE!

If injured or orphaned, place a cardboard box carefully over the bird. Place a brick or stone on top of the box and call WRG immediately. These birds are federally protected. **Call WRG**

