

Found an orphaned deer fawn?

Did you know?

Adult deer (does) will leave their fawns alone for most of the day, returning only to feed their young, often at night. This behaviour ensures she does not draw attention to the fawn.

Newborn fawns have no scent and are born with natural camouflage to hide them when they are lying on the ground.

Fawns spend much of their time alone, lying quietly, waiting for their mothers to return.

If you find a fawn alone and uninjured – don't worry! It is normal.

Does will naturally move their young if they sense danger, so natural predators in the area like coyotes are no reason to move fawns, they are naturally camouflaged by being scentless and remaining still.

If you are unsure if a fawn needs help, please call us before intervening!

Signs a fawn needs help:

- They are obviously injured
- The mother is confirmed deceased
- They have not been cared for in over 24-hours and are crying out

Injured Fawns

If you come across a fawn that is injured, or if your dog has brought a fawn home, please call our Wildlife Hotline for advice.

You can help!

Mothers will not reject their young if there is human scent on them, but you should still leave any fawns exactly where you found them unless they are directly in harm's way (e.g., near a busy road).

If you pick up a fawn and are worried your scent will attract predators you can gently rub them with grass to remove some of your scent.



Have questions concerning injured or orphaned wildlife?
Call our **Wildlife Hotline: 403-946-2361.**