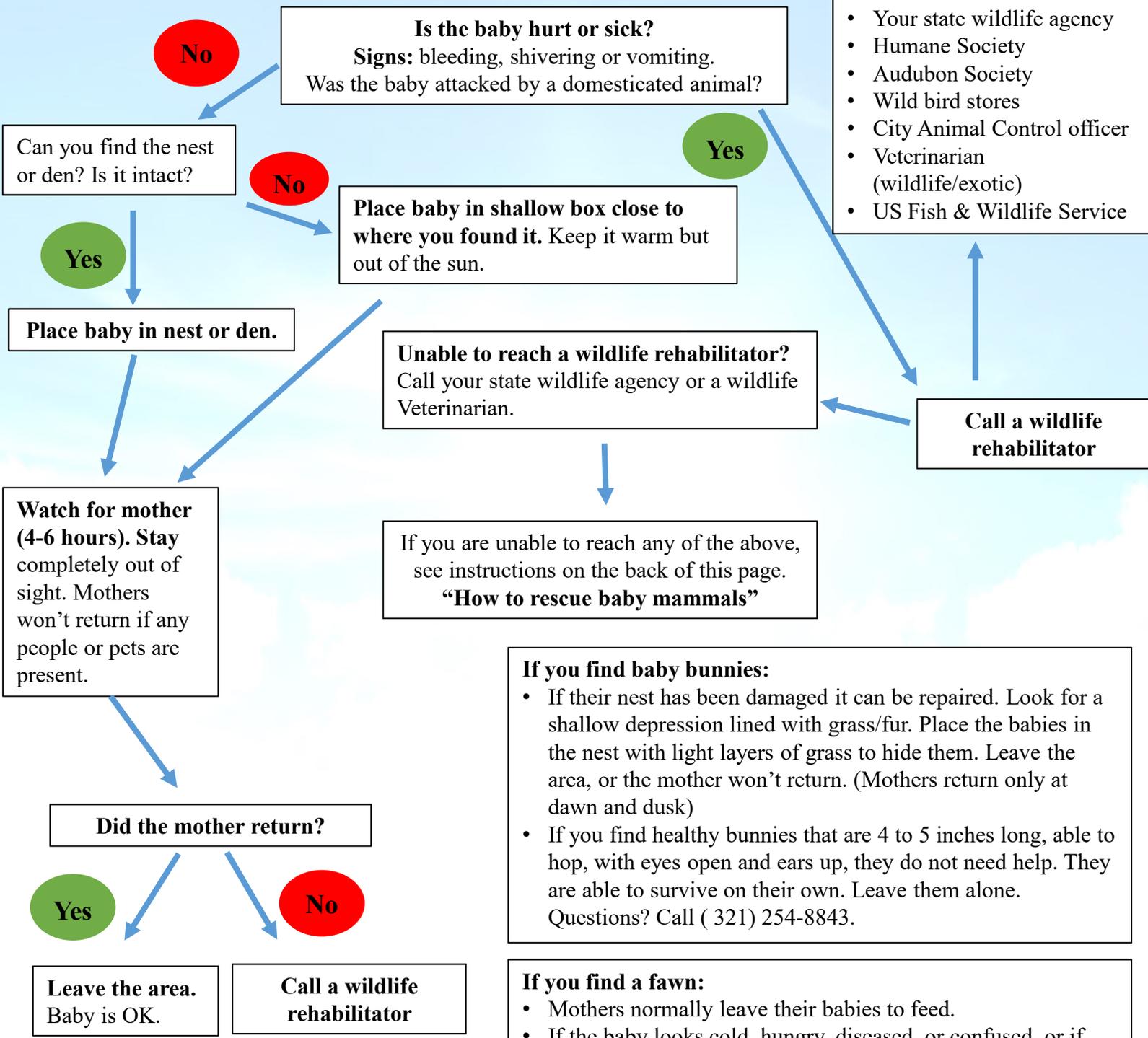


What to do if you find a baby mammal:



If you find baby bunnies:

- If their nest has been damaged it can be repaired. Look for a shallow depression lined with grass/fur. Place the babies in the nest with light layers of grass to hide them. Leave the area, or the mother won't return. (Mothers return only at dawn and dusk)
- If you find healthy bunnies that are 4 to 5 inches long, able to hop, with eyes open and ears up, they do not need help. They are able to survive on their own. Leave them alone. Questions? Call (321) 254-8843.

If you find a fawn:

- Mothers normally leave their babies to feed.
- If the baby looks cold, hungry, diseased, or confused, or if dogs, other animals, or people threaten its safety, call the Florida Wildlife Hospital, a licensed rehabilitator, or a park ranger.
- Otherwise, leave the baby alone and leave the area. The mother will not return if people or pets are present.



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***A baby's best chance for survival is its mother!**

How to Rescue a Mammal:

- 1. Prepare a container.** Place a soft cloth on the bottom of a cardboard box or cat/dog carrier with the lid. If it doesn't have air holes, make some. For smaller animals, you can use a paper sack with air holes punched in
- 2. Protect yourself.** Wear gloves, if possible. Some animals may bite or scratch to protect themselves, even if sick; wild animals commonly have parasites and carry diseases.
- 3. Cover the animal with a light sheet or towel.**
- 4. Gently pick up the animal and put it in the prepared container.**
- 5. Warm the animal if it's cold out or if the animal is chilled.** Fill a sock, with no holes, $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way full. Tie and knot at the end of the sock. Place the rice sock in the microwave for one minute on high. This should keep the animal warm until you are able to get it to a hospital/rehabilitator.
- 6. Tape the box shut or roll the top of the paper bag closed.**
- 7. Note exactly where you found the animal.** This will be very important for release.
- 8. Keep the animal in a warm, dark, quiet place.**
 - Do not give the animal food or water!
 - Leave the animal alone; don't handle or bother it.
 - Keep children and pets away.
- 9. Contact the Florida Wildlife Hospital, a licensed wildlife rehabilitator, state wildlife agency, or wildlife veterinarian as soon as possible.** Don't keep the animal at your home longer than necessary. Keep the animal in a container; don't let it loose in your house or car.
- 10. Wash your hands after contact with the animal.** Wash anything the animal has come into contact with. Do this to prevent the spread of diseases and/or parasites to you or your pets.
- 11. Get the animal to a wildlife rehabilitator as soon as possible.**