

# I FOUND AN ANIMAL



1

STOP



First, call a permitted wildlife rehabilitator.

2

FOLLOW THESE STEPS



After speaking to a rehabilitator, follow the steps outlined on the next page.

Arrange to bring the animal in if needed.



## Babies may not need help.

Babies of many species are left alone while their parents are out foraging.



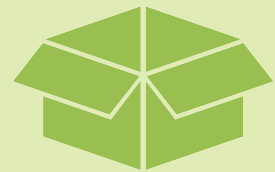
# NEXT STEPS TO HELP WILDLIFE IN NEED



If the animal is injured and it is safe to do so

Place it in a breathable, lidded box **without** any food or water.

Keep it in a warm, dark, quiet place.



If it is not safe to do so

Wait for a call from the rehabilitator.



If it is a dangerous situation

Keep yourself safe and call 911.





# FINDING A MARINE MAMMAL IN NEED

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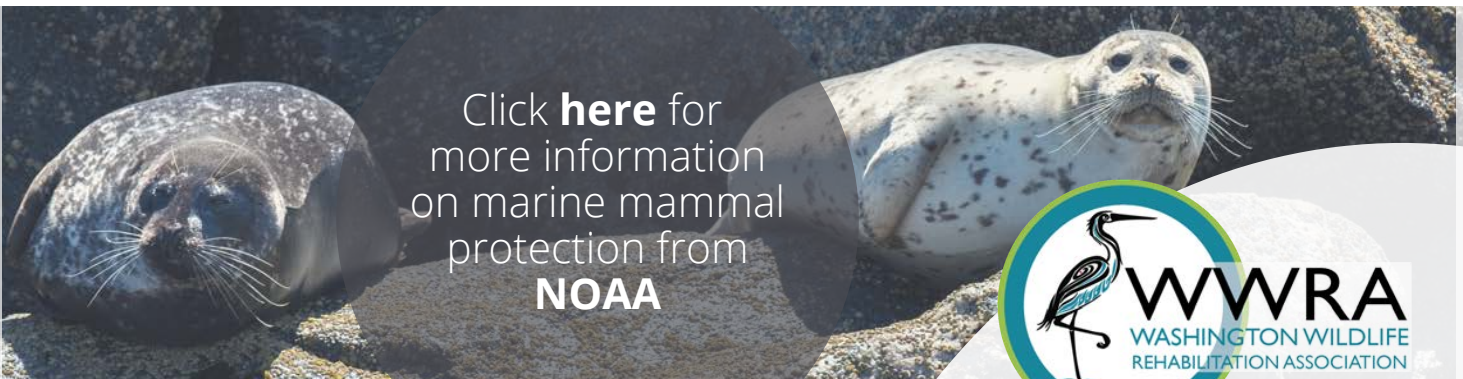
**KEEP 100 ft  
AWAY**

The law requires you to leave marine mammals alone regardless of the situation.

2

**CALL THE  
STRANDING  
NETWORK  
1-866-767-6114**

Due to their federally protected status, marine mammals must be assessed and rescued by a separate organization.



Click [here](#) for more information on marine mammal protection from **NOAA**



# WILDLIFE THAT DOES NEED HELP



## CAUGHT BY CATS

Even if no injuries are visible, bacteria in cat saliva can be fatal to wildlife.



## INJURED

May be bleeding, immobile, and/or unable to fly or run.



## BABIES

May be cold, injured, orphaned, or found wandering, weak, and crying.



Wild babies may be left for hours at a time while a mom is out foraging.

Many baby animals have self-defense mechanisms to keep them safe, like being odorless, using camouflage, or vocalizing.





# WILDLIFE THAT DOES NOT NEED HELP



## DISPLAYING NATURAL BEHAVIORS

Fighting during baby or breeding season

Mothers protecting their young

Nocturnal or crepuscular animals out during the day



## IN URBAN AREAS



## ON YOUR PROPERTY

Uninjured animals using your property for shelter or food



# Why is it important that animals **remain** in the wild if they **DO NOT** need help?

1



Wildlife babies do best when raised by their parents.

2



Centers are run entirely by donation and often depend on volunteers.

This means that resources are limited.

3



Rehabilitation exists for animals that have suffered some sort of human interference and need professional help.



# WHY REHABILITATION?



**PROFESSIONAL CARE**

Specific protocols and procedures ensure animals do not become habituated to humans, especially in the case of babies.



**MEDICAL TREATMENT**



**ACCESS TO CORRECT DIETS**



**RELIEF FROM SUFFERING**



**ENSURE SURVIVAL  
IN THE WILD**