I found a baby bird. Now, what?

Is bird hurt or sick?
- YES → Call a wildlife rehabilitator. To find a one in your area, contact Nature's Nursery at (419) 877-0060. Unable to reach a rehabilitator? Call your state wildlife agency or a wildlife vet.
- NO → Is the bird feathered?
  - YES → It's a fledgling. (Normal behavior to be hopping on ground; parents are still feeding it.)
    - Is bird safe from cats, dogs and people?
      - YES → Leave the area. Baby is okay.
      - NO → Put bird in bushes or on a tree limb nearby. Watch from a distance.
        - Are parents nearby?
          - NO → Call a wildlife rehabilitator.
          - YES → Leave the area. Baby is okay.
  - NO → It's a nestling. (Needs help)
    - Can you find the nest? Is it intact?
      - NO → Call a wildlife rehabilitator.
      - YES → Put baby back in nest. Observe from a distance.
        - Are parents visiting nest?
          - NO → Call a wildlife rehabilitator.
          - YES → Leave the area. Baby is okay. A baby bird's best chance for survival is its mother.

If you find a baby duck, goose, quail, or killdeer:
If you know the mother is dead, or baby is injured, call a wildlife rehabilitator right away.

I found a baby mammal. Now, what?

Is baby animal hurt or sick?
- YES → Call a wildlife rehabilitator.
- NO → Can you find the nest or den? Is it intact?
  - YES → Place baby in nest/den. Watch for the mother for 4-6 hours. Stay completely out of sight. Mothers won't return if any people or pets are present.
    - Did mother return?
      - NO → Call a wildlife rehabilitator.
      - YES → Leave the area. Baby is okay.
  - NO → Place baby in shallow box close to where it was found. Keep it warm but out of the sun. Watch for the mother for 4-6 hours. Stay completely out of sight. Mothers won't return if any people or pets are present.
    - Did mother return?
      - NO → Call a wildlife rehabilitator.
      - YES → Leave the area. Baby is okay.

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