

Leave the baby hare there!

Did you know?

When hares (jackrabbits) are born, they have no scent so they are better camouflaged from predators.

Their mother will leave her young alone throughout the day deliberately, returning only to quickly feed them, so she does not attract predators to their location.

Hares are born fully furred and with their eyes open. Within a day of being born, they are able to move around on their own easily.

If you find baby hares alone and uninjured, don't worry! It is perfectly normal.

Myth Busting

Mother hares will not reject their young if there is human scent on them.

If you pick up a baby hare and are worried your scent will attract predators (such as cats and dogs), you can gently rub them with grass to remove some of your scent.

All too often, perfectly healthy hares and other wildlife species are thought to be orphaned, when in fact their mother is still caring for them.

Baby hares have a much better survival rate with their mothers in the wild than when they are rehabilitated in captivity.

You can help!

If you find a baby hare in the road, in a window well, or accessible to potential threats (e.g., domestic dogs or cats), it is okay to pick them up and put them in a safe spot close to where you found them.

Don't become an accidental kidnapper!

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

