

Most people don't realize that keeping any wildlife is illegal unless you have the proper licenses to do so. If you find a baby animal you need to keep it in a warm, dark, quiet place and call a licensed wildlife rehabilitator immediately. Handle the baby the least amount possible. Improper care and handling can compromise the baby's health, recovery and chances for eventual release. Wildlife at any age is severely stressed in a human's care. What we see as comfort, such as holding and cuddling, they see as a life threatening situation. This stress can have serious impact on their health and can even be fatal.

For immediate advice, call the Fox Valley Wildlife Center at 630- 365-3800

These online resources can also help you learn how to manage immediate and longer range concerns with wildlife:

- [Forest Preserve District of DuPage County - Living with Wildlife](#)
- [Humane Society - Humane Wildlife Services](#)