

# Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife spread awareness about people trying to save young wildlife

**"YOUNG WILDLIFE:** Every spring, people make the mistake of trying to "save" young wildlife.

The truth is, most wild animals do not need our help. Some types of young animals develop quickly; others need more parental care before they can fend for themselves. People sometimes assume that a young animal found alone must be orphaned and need help. In nearly all cases, this is not true.

Parents frequently leave young alone for long periods as they search for food. The best thing you can do to help young animals is to leave them alone. Their best chance of survival is in the wild. Learn more: [bit.ly/young-animals](https://bit.ly/young-animals)."



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