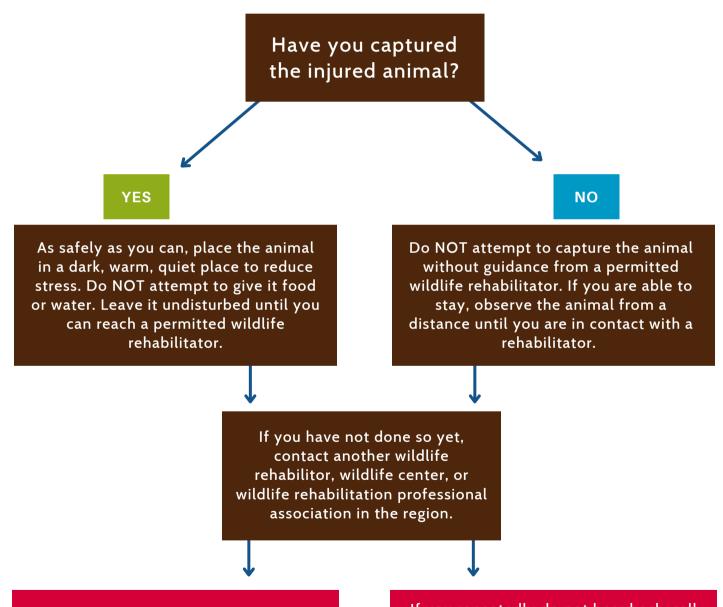


The Rehabilitator Is Not Answering, Now What?

Thank you for your efforts in contacting a wildlife rehabilitator to aid in this situation. Please know that if you cannot get a hold of someone, it is most likely because the rehabilitator is extremely busy. Wildlife rehabilitators often volunteer their time, typically do not receive government funding, and are sometimes caring for hundreds of individuals. While being with an injured animal can feel very stressful, the best thing you can do is relax and not rush what to do next. Please use this decision chart to help you in your next steps.



If you are not hearing back, it is not because you are being ignored. Wildlife rehabilitators are often busy caring for hundreds of patients a day. Please wait a few hours and try contacting these individuals or groups again.

If you repeatedly do not hear back, call your state or province's Department of Natural Resources or Wildlife Department to learn you region's laws on wildlife. Each state or province has different laws and regulations pertaining to wildlife rehabilitation