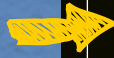


LITTLE WYOMING

IF YOU CARE, LEAVE THEM THERE.



In almost every instance, if you see a baby animal on its own in the wild, **it's simply alone, not abandoned.** Typically, healthy wildlife babies are just waiting for their mom to return.

OH, DEER!

There is no daycare for baby wildlife, so when mom has to find food or move nests, she temporarily leaves her babies behind. Mammal mothers, like deer and rabbits, will carefully hide their babies in tall grass to conceal them from predators. The babies know to stay quiet and still while mom is gone to remain hidden from any danger. Humans may be alarmed to see baby animals all alone, but this is natural and safe behavior in the animal world!

WHERE'S MOM?

Some baby animals, like reptiles and amphibians, never need their mom's help. They are fully independent as soon as they are born. Others, like baby birds that have all of their feathers, often spend several days on the ground while they learn to fly. Even though the baby bird may look alone, its parents are nearby to protect and feed it. It is rare for baby wildlife to actually be abandoned. Just because the mother is not visible, doesn't mean she's not close by and watching over her babies. Remember, humans are predators to wildlife! The mother will return to her babies when the area is clear of all potential predators.

LEAVE THEM WILD.

When it is not needed, human intervention only makes survival more difficult for wildlife. The best way to help wildlife is by leaving them wild. If you care, leave them there! The only time baby animals need our help is when they are injured or orphaned as a result of human presence. If a baby animal is seriously injured, or if it was brought to you by a cat or dog, or if you know its mother is not alive, call Wyoming Game and Fish Dispatch and they will contact your local game warden or biologist to assist.

