

# Wildlife Watch Fields Hundreds of Calls

Every spring and summer, Wildlife Watch fields hundreds of calls from the public across the country and Canada. Each call is an opportunity to save the life of a wild animal.

This year was particularly active with fawn calls. In most cases, it is simply a matter of letting callers know that does do not stay with their fawns and can be gone for many hours. The Moms do that so as not to draw attention to the fawn, and to feed themselves to generate more milk for the fawn.

Fawns need to rest a lot and learn to walk on their spindly legs. The well-meaning person can misinterpret the situation, assume the fawn has been abandoned, and take the fawn.

Just letting callers know that if a fawn seems otherwise healthy, s/he should be left where found, or in the case of a fawn found on the road, s/he can be moved to a nearby location, we suggest 20 feet or so. The mothers will find their fawns when they start to bleat (they sound like baby goats).

We also get calls that clearly require the help of a wildlife rehabilitator, and we maintain up-to-date lists of rehabbers in every state and Canada in order to help the caller locate help nearby.

This is a full time effort during “baby season” and we ask that you please help us by letting us know that you would like to work with us to make this a national network. In truth, the government should be doing this – or funding it – but we don’t see the likelihood of that anytime soon.

Please contact us at 877-WILDHELP. If you have a problem connecting, just drop the last letter.