I Found a Nest of Baby Bunnies, **NOW WHAT?!**

Increasingly, wild rabbits and hares are living near our homes and work places. Sometimes they need help and sometimes they do not, but how can you tell? This chart should help, but if you are ever in doubt, please call us first, since the baby’s best chance of survival is normally with its mother—This is important, because the stress of being handled can KILL a wild bunny or rabbit.

**Are any of the bunnies injured?** (bleeding, attacked by a cat or dog? Were children playing with them?)

- **No**
- **Yes**

**Remove injured bunnies from nest but leave uninjured bunnies in the nest.** Place injured bunnies in a box with soft dry bedding (no green grass/leaves) and keep them warm.

**DO NOT FEED OR GIVE WATER!**

*Call a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.*

**Are they in the nest?**

- **No**
- **Yes**

**Are they alert with eyes open and ears up?**

- **No**
- **Yes**

**Carefully remove the dead bunnies from the nest, leaving the live ones in the nest. DO NOT FEED OR GIVE WATER.**

*Leave bunnies alone. The mom only comes once or twice a day to feed them.*

**Do you know where the nest is?**

- **Yes**
  - **Carefully put them back in the nest and leave them alone.**
- **No**
  - **Leave the Bunnies alone.**

**Left photo—eyes closed ears laid back, put back in nest**

**Right photo—Eyes open and ears UP, leave them alone**

**Are they all alive?**

- **No**
  - **Leave the Bunnies alone.**
  - **The mom only comes once or twice a day to feed them. Just because they are alone does not mean they are orphaned.**
- **Yes**
  - **Carefully remove the dead bunnies from the nest, leaving the live ones in the nest. DO NOT FEED OR GIVE WATER.**
  - *Leave bunnies alone. The mom only comes once or twice a day to feed them.*

**DO NOT FEED OR GIVE WATER!** Place bunnies in a box with soft dry bedding (no green grass/leaves) and keep them warm. *Call a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.*

**Call Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah**

**801-814-7888**

**If you need to bring sick, injured or orphaned wildlife to WRCNU**

1. **Protect yourself.** Even sick animals may try to protect themselves with beaks, talons & teeth. Wear gloves if you can and wash your hands after handling.

2. **Place animal in a box** or tote lined with a towel—**never** hand carry.

3. **Secure lid; keep dark and quiet.**

4. **Keep it warm.** If animal is cold, put one end of box on a heating pad set “Low”

5. **If you can’t transport immediately:**
   - Call WRCNU 801-814-7888
   - Keep warm, dark, quiet
   - Do Not give food or water.
   - Do Not handle it.
   - Keep children and pets AWAY.
   - Animal’s survival depends on the most timely care by a licensed rehabber.

6. **Transport the animal to WRCNU.** Keep it in box, keep car quiet (radio off, etc.)