



Infants

FOUND A BUNNY?



Juvenile

Eastern Cottontails are born in Virginia from March through July. Sometimes, wild bunnies need your help, and other times, they're okay to be left on their own!

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Is the bunny any of the following:

- Injured or obviously ill?
- Lethargic or nonresponsive?
- A survivor of a cat attack?
- Cold?

If YES to any

This bunny may need immediate help! Call your local rehabilitator ASAP and keep the bunny somewhere warm, dark, and quiet until you receive help! DO NOT FEED!

If NO to all

Does the bunny have open eyes, fully fur, and ears that stand up? Is it approximately the size of a softball?

YES

NO

This is a juvenile cottontail and is old enough to be on its own! At this age, they will remain motionless to avoid native predators. It will disperse over time, but keep pets and children away.

Is it in a nest?

NO

YES

Leave it there!

Check on the babies in 24 hours. Are they still warm and huddled together in the nest?

NO

YES

Great! Those babies are being cared for by mom! They are only in the nest for 4-5 weeks (often much less by the time you discover them), so keep pets and people away from the area to give them the best chance of survival.



Neonates