

If You See a Baby Hare, Remember to Leave It Right There!



- White-tailed prairie hares (aka jackrabbits) are a common urban wildlife species in Alberta.
- Baby hares are born as early as March and as late as September and are fully furred, eyes open and able to hop around within hours of birth.
- The female hare will leave the young for long periods of time so she does not attract predators to her young. She returns to feed them in the evening and into the night. This is normal.
- Many people who find baby hares alone think they are orphaned. They are not. Unless the hare has signs of trauma, leave it there.
- Baby hares commonly “freeze” in the face of danger making caring people think they are lost and scared. This is normal survival strategy.

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For more information, or concerns about injured wildlife, contact:

Alberta Wildlife Rehabilitator's Association
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