

A Message From
Simsbury Animal Control
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Young Animals

Spring and summer is the time of year where several species of animals give birth to young. These species include raccoons, skunks, and deer; however the species I want to discuss is our deer population.

People will often observe a baby deer (fawn) in their yard or in an open exposed area while hiking or walking on our trails and may assume the mother deer must be injured or deceased. I clearly understand your concern as these fawn are often the size of a small dog.

My advice is to leave the fawn as you found it. It is common that the mother deer will leave the fawn unattended and go forage for food. Usually the mother will return within several hours to get her fawn. If the fawn is in the same spot twenty-four hours later, contact the police department at 860-658-3100 and they will have animal control respond or will attempt to arrange for a State of CT licensed wildlife rehabilitator to take the fawn. In most cases the mother deer will move her fawn, after being in close proximity to humans.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 860-658-3110, or you can contact the Department of Environmental Protection at 860-424-3011.