

Guidance: What to do if you find an injured, distressed or dead animal

Birds (wild / garden variety)

What to do:

- If caught / injured by a cat, get in a box and take to the nearest vets.

Who you can contact for advice:

- Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital: 01243 641672
- RSPCA: 0151 486 1706

Birds of Prey

What to do:

- Don't touch, especially babies. Call for advice first as the mum may be around, i.e. owls may have fallen from nest.
- If dead and on the side of a public highway, [report using the Council's contact us form](#).

Who you can contact for advice:

- Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital: 01243 641672
- BPOH Bird Of Prey Hospital: 07973 747305
- RSPCA: 0151 486 1706

Cats

What to do:

- If involved in a road traffic incident, get in a box and take to the nearest vets.
- If a stray cat, take to the nearest vets to have microchip scanned.
- If dead and on the side of a public highway, either take to the nearest vets or [report using the Council's contact us form](#).

Who you can contact for advice:

- Contact your local veterinary practice.

Deer

What to do:

- Don't touch babies, call for advice first. Mum may be around as babies get left during the day.
- If dead and blocking a public highway, call police on 101.
- If dead and on the side of a public highway, [report using the Council's contact us form](#).

Who you can contact for advice:

- Police on 101 (only if dead and blocking a highway)
- Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital: 01243 641672

- RSPCA: 0151 486 1706

Foxes

What to do:

- Get in a box / basket and take to nearest vets. Advise them to use gloves and towels as foxes will bite.
- If dead and on the side of a public highway, [report using the Council's contact us form](#).

Who you can contact for advice:

- Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital: 01243 641672
- RSPCA: 0151 486 1706
- The Fox Project (mobile ambulance): 01892 731565

Hares

What to do:

- If caught / injured by a cat or dog, get in a box and take to the nearest vets.
- If dead and on the side of a public highway, [report using the Council's contact us form](#)
- If you find a baby hare alone, get in a box and take to the nearest vets. Babies are never left alone by their mothers.

Who you can contact for advice:

- Contact your local veterinary practice.

Hedgehogs

What to do:

- Read the online advice first, as hedgehogs can be out in the day under certain circumstances, such as mums looking for extra food: [Found An Injured Hedgehog | RSPCA](#)
- If the online advice recommends taking the hedgehog to the vets, get in a cardboard box using gloves and take to the nearest vets.

Who you can contact for advice:

- Contact your local veterinary practice.
- Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital: 01243 641672

Livestock

What to do:

- If alive/dead and blocking a public highway, call police on 101.
- If dead and on the side of a public highway, [report using the Council's contact us form](#) and Norse will be contracted to remove.
- If dead on private land (i.e. farmland), contact the landowner.

Who you can contact for advice:

- Police on 101
- Landowner

Seagulls

What to do:

- If there are multiple, dead birds, call DEFRA to report: 03000 200 301
- Is it one injured bird? Call RSPCA.

Who you can contact for advice:

- RSPCA: 0151 486 1706

Seals

What to do:

- Keep your distance, do not attempt to interact with or move the animal.

Who you can contact for advice on an alive seal:

- Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA): 023 9255 2100 (24 hours)
- British Divers Marine Life Rescue: 01825 765546

Who you can contact for advice on a deceased seal:

- Cetacean Strandings Investigation Programme: 0800 652 0333

Squirrels

What to do:

- If injured, get in a box and take to the nearest vets. Advise them to use gloves and towels as they may bite.

Who you can contact for advice:

- Contact your local veterinary practice.

Swans

What to do:

- Keep your distance.

Who you can contact for advice:

- Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital: 01243 641672
- Swan Lifeline: 01932 240790
- RSPCA: 0151 486 1706