

What to Do if You've Found an Injured Deer or Abandoned Fawn.

If you find an injured deer that does not appear to be able to ambulate on its own, call the Boerne Police Dispatch number at (830) 816-3194 or (830) 249-8645. The Fair Oaks Ranch Police department will respond and assess the situation to determine appropriate action to be taken. Normally, deer who can ambulate will not be dispatched. Our officers will attempt to free deer that are entangled in fences if they can safely do so.

Below are some tips if you believe a fawn has been abandoned:

- Whitetail fawns are typically born in early spring through June and are very frail at birth.
- Axis deer fawns are usually born in early January to mid-April, although fawns may arrive in all seasons.
- The best action is no action, they are best left to their mothers.
- A fawn's white-spots, relative lack of scent and ability to remain perfectly still help it avoid being detected by predators. Even if you cannot see the mother, she is very likely nearby and will return within 12 hours, usually at dawn and dusk. When she comes back, she may or may not move the fawn to a new spot.
- Do not try to feed the fawn or offer it water as it is totally dependent on its mother's milk.
- If a fawn is left unattended for an extreme amount of time, covered in fire ants or appears injured, contact Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation at 1-830-336-2725. They are available 24/7 and can provide information and/or assistance with any wildlife issue.