

What to Do If You Find an Injured Animal –

A 5-Step Guide

1. Ensure Your Own Safety First

Before approaching the animal, observe from a distance. Injured animals are often frightened and may bite, scratch, or run. If it's a dog, cat, bird, or any wildlife, move slowly and avoid direct eye contact.

Do not touch the animal immediately.

Wear gloves or use a cloth if you need to get closer.

Never put yourself in danger—your safety comes first.



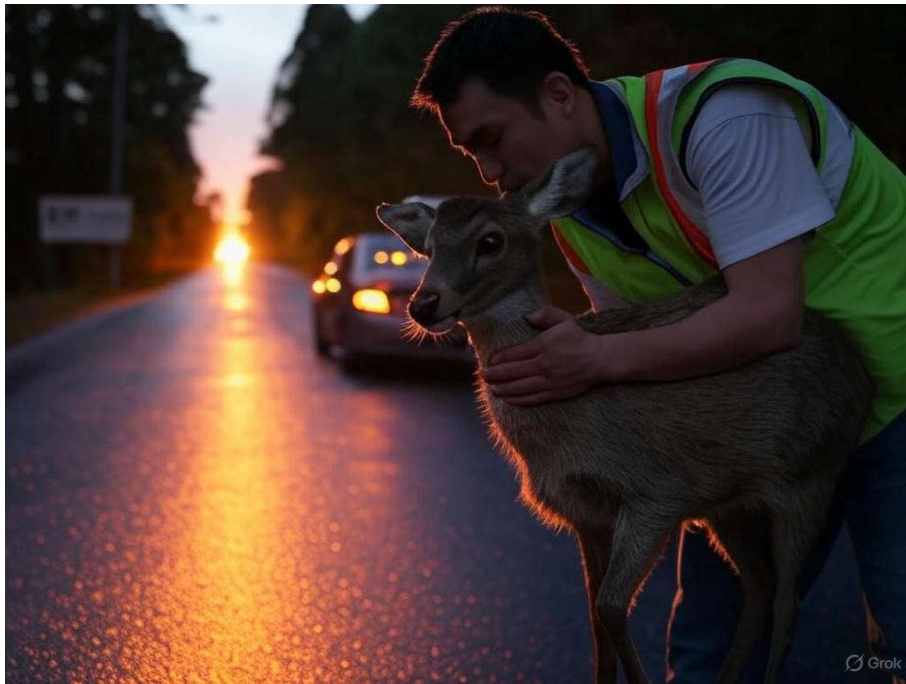
2. Move the Animal Out of Immediate Danger (Only If Safe)

If the animal is lying in a busy area like a road, gently try to move it to a safe space—only if the animal is calm and it's safe for you.

Use a towel, jacket, or cardboard to lift or guide the animal.

Avoid lifting directly if bones may be broken.

Never drag an animal by its limbs or tail.



3. Assess the Animal's Condition

Once in a safer spot, try to understand how badly the animal is hurt.

Is it bleeding? Are there visible wounds or broken limbs?

Is it conscious, breathing heavily, or shivering?

Avoid touching wounds directly. Instead, gently apply pressure with a clean cloth if there is bleeding.



4. Keep the Animal Calm and Warm

Injured animals can quickly go into shock, which is dangerous. Keeping them calm is key.

Cover the animal with a light cloth, towel, or jacket.

Keep noise and human interaction to a minimum.

Avoid giving food or water unless advised by a vet—it may worsen internal injuries.



5. Call for Professional Help Immediately

The best thing you can do is get expert help fast.

Contact a local vet, animal rescue NGO, or wildlife helpline.

Give them your exact location (use Google Maps or nearby landmarks).

Stay with the animal until help arrives, if you can safely do so.

