

Good intentions could scare wildlife to death

Often, if it can get away from you,
it may not need help

This fawn was chased by people who honestly thought he needed help. He repeatedly ran himself into a fence trying to get away.



This fawn died of capture myopathy.

What is Capture Myopathy?

Capture myopathy (aka white muscle disease) is the result of fear, anxiety and stress causing too much adrenalin to be produced which turns toxic in their system. If not properly treated very quickly by an experienced wildlife rehabilitator, it can be deadly to deer (and other species).

Prevention is key, DO NOT CHASE!

If you find a fawn that is “trapped” in a fenced in area or building, open the gate (or doors) and leave the deer alone to prevent it from ‘blindly’ running into solid objects, like fences, walls or building . Call a wildlife professional if you need more help on how to handle the situation properly.

If you find an animal that has already been chased or severely stressed, get it to a licensed, experienced rehabilitator as quickly as you can.

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