

Winter 2022



About Ewing Township Animal Control

Officers work under the auspices of the Ewing Township Health Department. There are 2 full time officers who respond to over 600 complaints a year. Officers work to provide for public safety by preventing wildlife and nuisance animals from endangering the community.

Animal Control

Emergencies

Phone:

609-883-2900 X7175

After hours call

609-882-1313

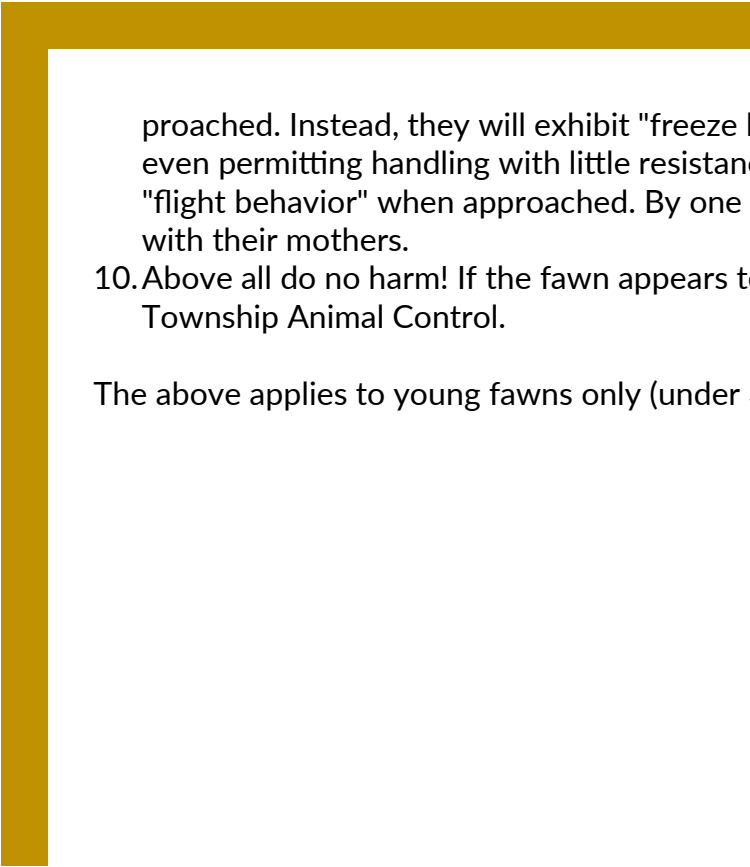
Officers are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including weekends and holidays.

What to Know if You Find a Fawn

Township of Ewing, New Jersey

*White tailed deer—*Odocoileus virginianus**

1. **Do not touch the fawn!**
2. Ninety-nine percent of "Fawn Calls" do not involve orphans.
3. Generally, if there is no dead doe in the area or on nearby roads, the fawn is not an orphan.
4. Fawns do not give off a scent. Often, does will not return to their fawns until well after dark, for fear of leading a predator to the fawn.
5. Keep yourself and pets far away from the fawn. It may take a good 24 hours for a doe to feel safe enough to return to her fawn. If a mother were to return to her fawn prematurely, she might risk leading a predator directly to her fawn.
6. If the fawn has wandered into someone's garage, or other precarious position, gently coax the fawn out or move to a quiet, nearby site while wearing gloves. Do not move the fawn too far.
7. Coyotes, dogs, cats, raccoons, construction, etc. are not reasons for fawn removal. These are things that deer must encounter on a daily basis in New Jersey. A mother deer will move her fawn away from danger if given the chance.
8. Fawns are born late May through the end of June, with the peak number born in early June. Mother deer often give birth at night in areas (such as people's front yards) which may seem perfectly safe at night but differ drastically during daylight hours.
9. For the first 5 days after birth, fawns will not run when ap-



proached. Instead, they will exhibit "freeze behavior". They lie still when approached, even permitting handling with little resistance. From the 7th day on, fawns will exhibit "flight behavior" when approached. By one month of age fawns venture out to browse with their mothers.

10. Above all do no harm! If the fawn appears to be orphaned or injured please call Ewing Township Animal Control.

The above applies to young fawns only (under 3 months of age).

