

It's fawning season in North Carolina, and, as a result, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission is urging people not to mess with fawns.

According to Commission biologist Evan Stanford, people see fawns left alone and wrongly assume they have been abandoned.

According to Stanford, does, female deer, often leave their young alone for a long period of time. It's not abnormal, he says.

If a fawn is clearly injured, people are encouraged to call the Wildlife Resources Commission at 919-707-0040. Don't try to keep it as a pet he says.

Making the wrong choice can have tragic results. Just last month in Lenoir a deer kept as a pet apparently escaped and wandered the highways, wreaking havoc for local police who found it unafraid of people. The only option was to tranquilize the deer, which resulted in its death.

Not only is it illegal to keep a fawn, it is also biologically irresponsible, Stanford says. His advice? Look. Don't touch.