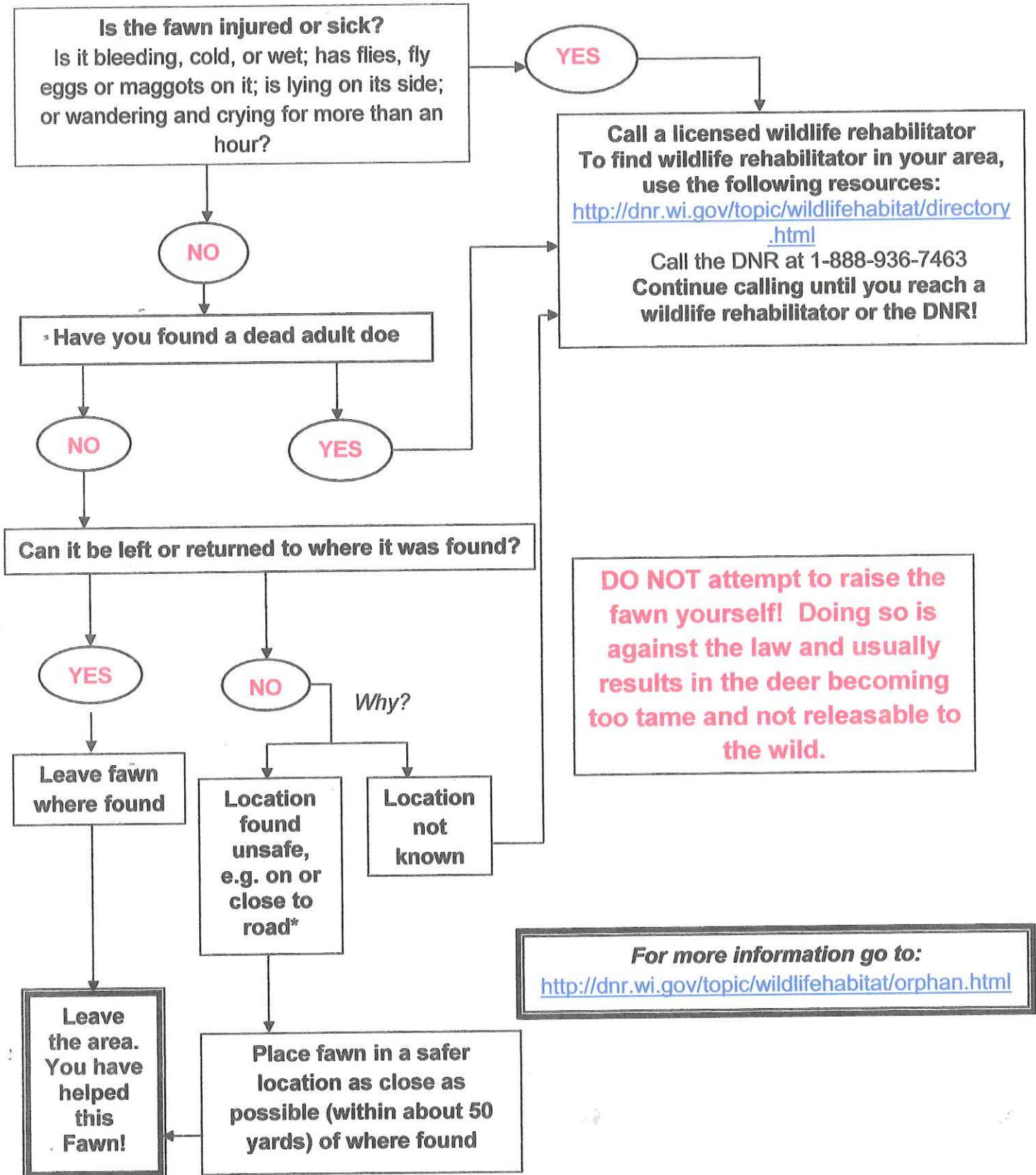


# I Found a Fawn: Now What?

*Applies to all wildlife*

## Always Remember:

**A fawn's best chance for survival is with its mother!**



**White-Tailed Deer Fawns** – For about the first two to three weeks after they're born, fawns lack the strength and speed to escape from danger. So during this time they move very little and rely on their spotted, camouflage coat and lack of scent to protect them. The mother further protects her fawn from predators by staying some distance away except when it is time for the fawn to nurse.

If you find a fawn lying alone, unless the fawn is sick or injured, leave the baby alone, leave the area and do not go near the spot again. The mother will not return if people or dogs are present. Do not touch the fawn or bring children, dogs or friends to look at it. Doing so could endanger the fawn by giving away its location to a predator, and its mother won't return to nurse the fawn while people or dogs are nearby.

\*If a fawn is in obvious danger, such as next to a road or in a parking lot, **BEING MINDFUL OF YOUR OWN SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS**, you can use clean gloves to pick up the fawn and move it to a safer location, as close as possible to the location it was originally found, or slowly, quietly, and gently try to guide the fawn away from hazards and to a seemingly safer location. The mother doe will find the fawn. Although you should avoid touching the fawn unless absolutely necessary, it is a myth that the mother will reject the baby if it has human scent on it.