



## **Top Five DOs and DON'Ts**

### **DO**

- 1) DO call us ASAP. We can then give you advice specific to the animal you have. Our contact details can be found at [www.thewildlodelodge.co.uk/contact.html](http://www.thewildlodelodge.co.uk/contact.html)
- 2) DO get the animal inside if possible, and in a well-ventilated box.
- 3) DO keep the animal warm. Room temperature is usually adequate.
- 4) DO keep the animal in a dark, quiet place where it will not be disturbed.
- 5) DO give baby animals a chance. If you see a baby animal on the floor, give it an hour or two for the mother to return. Only pick it up if the animal is in immediate danger, or if the two hours has passed, with no sign of mother.

### **DON'T**

- 1) DON'T feed birds bread. This could cause their abdomens to swell and cause further problems.
- 2) DON'T feed birds milk. They are not mammals, and should not be fed milk under any circumstances.
- 3) DON'T hesitate to call us. As long as we are aware of the problem, we can give advice over the phone and make arrangements to get the animal.
- 4) DON'T keep wild animals as a pet. Pigeons are an exception, but should only be kept by experienced pigeon fanciers. These pigeons are not taken from the wild.
- 5) DON'T force feed animals. If they are old enough and fit enough to eat, they will. Otherwise, they should be hand fed by an experienced rehabilitator.