

# Hares



*Those who capture animals accept the responsibility of ensuring that the animals survive and that stress and trauma are kept to a minimum. In any procedure, always take into account the safety and welfare of the animal.*

**HUMANE HINTS:** In some cases you can resolve a hare problem without trapping the animal - for example, you can install fencing around a garden you don't want eaten. Spray very hot sauce, like capsaicin, on plants. Keep habitat less attractive, by eliminating excess plant life or long grass. Never attempt to poison hares. Unfortunately, there are no registered hare repellents but predator urine has shown success.

## **LEAVE BABY HARES ALONE!**

**Mother hares will leave their young for long periods of time during the day so she does not attract predators. Their “freezing” behaviour helps them stay camouflaged from hawks and other predators.**

**The mother will return to feed and forage in the evening. Unless the baby hare appears injured or is located in an unsafe environment (ex: constructions site or parking lot) leave it alone.**

### Summary of steps to deter hares:

- 1) Make your garden less inviting to hares.
- 2) Add barrier fencing to protect plants. Hares will dig and chew through certain materials.
- 3) Your pets presence in your yard will help with deterring hares. If you do not own a pet, you can try using predator urine.
- 4) Scare and Ultrasonic devices. The hares overtime will become used to these devices.
- 5) Spray very hot sauce, like capsaicin, on your plants and yard.

### Things to consider when relocating a wild animal:

- Trapping can create orphaned babies that are left behind.
- Baiting traps will attract more animals.
- Traps don't discriminate what species they capture.
- It causes high levels of stress for the trapped animal.
- Relocating may cause territorial disputes, difficulty locating food, water and shelter, and increase the spread of disease.
- Removing an animal without eliminating what is attracting the animal will open up space for a new inhabitant.

***IF YOU HAVE FOUND INJURED, ORPHANED, OR CONTAMINATED WILDLIFE PLEASE CALL WILDNORTH AT 780-914-4118***