



Rabbits nest in early spring, with 3-8 kits born hairless and blind.

Nests are shallow depressions in lawns or mulched beds, lightly covered with fur and grass. If you find a nest, leave it undisturbed — the mother feeds her young at dawn and dusk.



Rabbits only feed their young briefly twice a day, so the mother likely isn't "abandoning" the nest.

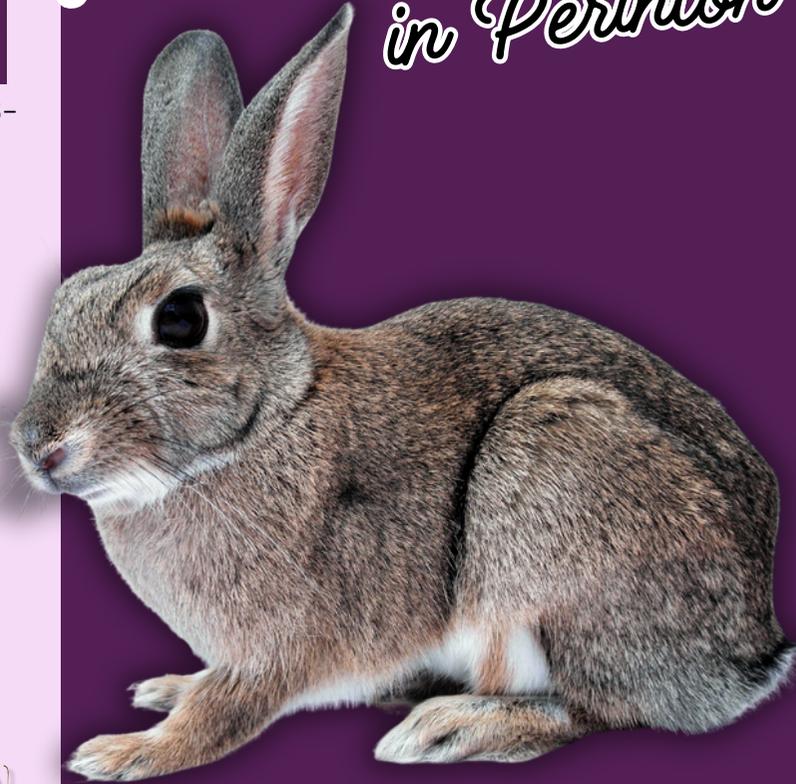
If you are not sure the mother is returning to the babies, you can put some leaves or light sticks in a pattern over the grass covering. Then check back to see if the nest has been disturbed.



If a nest appears truly abandoned, contact a [licensed wildlife rehabilitator](#).



Rabbits in Perinton



If you spot wild rabbits, be mindful not to disturb their habitats, especially during the spring breeding season when they are most vulnerable.



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If you're concerned about your dog disturbing a rabbit nest, gently move the nest with surrounding fur and grass to a safer spot nearby.

The mother uses scent to find her babies, so she'll still locate them. Keep the area quiet and undisturbed.



If mowing, consider placing a laundry basket over a rabbit nest during the day but remember to remove it at dusk to allow access for the mother.



To keep rabbits out of a garden, consider installing a dig-proof barrier and fence, planting strong-scented herbs like lavender or garlic, or using motion-activated sprinklers. You can also shield vulnerable plants with protective barriers to reduce damage.

If you come across a sick or injured rabbit, please contact Perinton Animal Control.