

RANGER RICK



To the Rescue!

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What a beautiful spring morning! It's so nice to take a long walk on my own.



Hey, Boomer. You're in an especially cheerful mood. Who wouldn't be on a day like today?



Yes, this IS a day to sing about!



Well, hi! Looks like you've found a tasty snack this morning.

Yep—a delicious way to begin the day.



What's that noise?

WRRRRRRRRRR



Oh, that's right. You CAN'T hurry! You're a TURTLE!



WRRRRRRRRRR Gotta get to that fence fast! WRRRRRRRRRR



OOOF! That was a tight squeeze, but we made it!



You'll be safe over here. I'm going to continue my walk, so have a great day!



A few minutes later...

Oh, and what do we have HERE?



What do you see?

It's somebody on a big mower—and he's headed this way!

WRRRRRRRRRR



Come on—hurry!



A nest of baby bunnies. They're all alone, with no one to protect them!

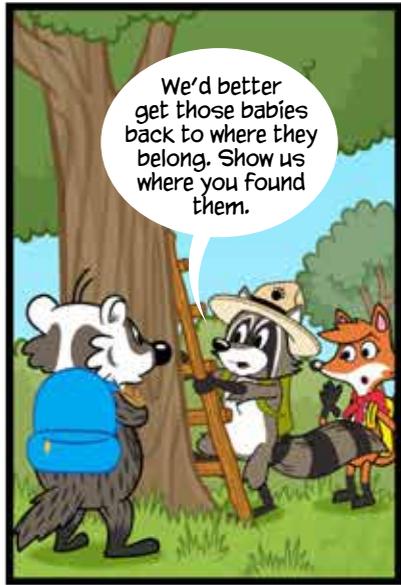


I'd better take you to Ranger Rick and Scarlett. They'll know what to do!



Rick, Scarlett—look! Baby bunnies that were left all alone! We'll have to adopt them!

Oh, no, Boomer. Their mom was just off to find food. That's what mother rabbits DO!



We'd better get those babies back to where they belong. Show us where you found them.



Along the way, Boomer tells Rick and Scarlett about how he rescued the box turtle . . .

So, after that, I just thought the baby rabbits were in trouble, too!

Easy mistake to make, Boomer. But baby animals almost never need to be rescued.



I found them right here!

And here comes the mom!



My babies! You took my little babies!

Yes, Boomer thought they needed help.

I'm REALLY, REALLY sorry.



That's all right. I'm just so happy they're safe.

There you go, little ones. Sorry I disturbed you.



Well, Boomer, looks like everything turned out OK—and you even learned something new!

And THAT makes my beautiful day even better!

RANGER RICK'S FIELD NOTES



- To learn more about what to do for animals that seem to need help, visit online at nwf.org/kids/rescue and take the quiz called "What Should You Do?"
- To get additional advice from an expert, have an adult go online to find a wildlife rehabilitator in your area.

Look for an exciting new adventure next month!

