How to Rescue Injured Birds.
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Tips to Rescue Injured Bird

- Keep your self safe and follow the Government rules.
- When you find an injured bird, do not run over on bird in hurry, avoid sudden movements, be calm, avoid eye to eye contact with bird and handle it carefully.
- Keep children and other animals/birds away from the injured bird.
- Wear disposable hand gloves, safety glass, mask & use net (always use net for Water bird) or towel for catching Small & Domestic injured bird to avoid further injuries.
Please use heavy duty thick leather gloves for catching parakeet, wild bird having big & sharp beak or big claws on the legs.
During rescue of hanging bird, use proper rescue instruments or take help of the Fire Brigade (also to avoid human casualties from accident & electricity) so that the bird do not face further injuries.
Pickup the bird carefully with both hands on both the wings, keep both hands with little pressure on both wings so that bird feels safe. Do not give much pressure but hold it firmly.
How to grip a bird
For small birds:
For domestic birds:
For wild:
For big/large birds:
Gradually check both Wings, Leg, Neck, Head, Eyes carefully.
Carefully remove thread or cut it, to make bird free from threads with the help of other person (do not pull out thread).
If profuse bleeding is found, then first stop it by pressing cotton or gauze pieces, soaked with Tr.Benzoine solution or Haemostatic agent (like “Botroclot/Botropase”), Keep it till the bleeding stops.
Do not use spirit, Dettol, Savlon, Iodine and Turmeric (Haldi) powder on Bird. Use 3% diluted Hydrogen Peroxide or solution of colorless Potassium-Permanganate to clean wounds.
Wrap a Towel around the bird then handle it.
Keep bird in a basket or cardboard box (keep it’s head parallel to its body and not tilted to ventral or dorsal part) with small holes for oxygen, which is not too big or not too small than the size of bird. Keep it for 5 to 10 minutes in darkness.
If bleeding does not stop, then take it to nearby government recognized veterinary dispensary/hospital or a road rehabilitation center, where it will get immediate medical treatment.
- Do not give water or food to injured birds. Trying to feed bird forcefully or pour water on the bird may cause death of it.

- To reduce the stress and to maintain fluid level, give a drop of “vitamin tonic” (Vimeral), “Honey” or “ORS” (Ors + 1 tab. of Betnesol + Water = 500ml.) with water in normal condition of a bird.
- If you find “Scheduled” bird then inform Forest Department immediately.
- During rescue if you find any scheduled bird or migratory bird near it’s nest, please inform the rescue center so that they can rescue the babies, if both parents go missing.
- To prevent casualties from stress, avoid human touch or handling for long time (also to avoid infected from Human diseases) and do not make noise.
- Maintain the temperature of room where bird is kept at 22°C to 37°C. (as per it’s habitat). Do not use fan heater.
- Release it back to the nature when it is capable of flying.
- Do not drive more than 40 kmph. during transportation to protect it from wind, cold and fast movements.
PRECAUTION
Wash your hands before and after handling bird to prevent yourself from zoonosis disease like Viral/Bacterial infections, Fungus, Paralysis.....etc.
Note:

✔ Always give first priority to solve “Respiratory” problem.
✔ Second priority to stop “Bleeding”.
✔ Then “Wound” and “Fracture” (at medical center).