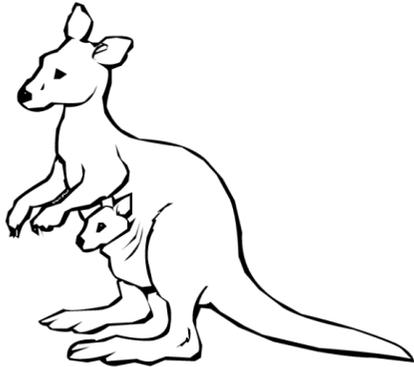


WILDLIFE

The who to call, what to do and how to help.



A Passionate Vetcare Guide

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The definition of wildlife:

Both native and introduced animals that have not been domesticated or tamed and are usually living in a natural environment.

Local Shelter Contacts

WRES : 0427 301 401

WRIN : 0419 356 433

I have picked up an injured wildlife what do I do now?

First things first, **contain the animal**. A box, pillow case or animal cage kept in darkness by the aid of a towel are fantastic (depending on what species of course) please keep your handling to a minimum to reduce already high levels of stress for the animal. You can then, without delay, hand the animal into your nearest **vet clinic**, all vet clinics offer a service for wildlife.

Remember **DO NOT** attempt to feed the animal, practice good hygiene if needing to handle the animal and always put your safety first.

I have found wildlife but I am unable to bring the animal in for medical help, what do I do?

If unable to confine or capture wildlife please do not hesitate to call our fantastic local **wildlife shelters**, a volunteer will be sent out to safely and securely capture the animal and seek medical advice/treatment.

(Please always remember your safety comes first!)

What happens next?

Whether you bring an animal into a vet clinic or contact a wildlife shelter the animal will first be medically assessed by a veterinarian for any injuries. The animal will then be treated accordingly and rehabilitated by licensed individuals before being released back into the wild. Please note we as trained professionals are

directed by a legislation to humanly euthanize introduced /pest species or native animals that are unfit for rehabilitation.

Hints and Tips

-Always remember to write down detailed notes on where the animal was found, in most cases wildlife must be released within 50 metres of where it was found.

-Wildlife are not pets, no matter how friendly or tame the individual seems, it is cruel to keep an injured animal even if the animal is showing no obvious signs of pain it is also illegal to keep wildlife as pets.

-For more information on getting involved as a volunteer to a local shelter or keeping selective captive bred native animals please visit the DEPI website <http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/environment-and-wildlife/wildlife>

-For further information on the directing legislation please visit

<http://www.vetboard.vic.gov.au/guidvet.php>

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