

You Can Do Your Bit To Help Wildlife

(A First Aid Guide when helping native animals)

Many of our native birds and animals are injured or killed each year. Some simple actions on your part could help to save some of these animals from unnecessary suffering. Always stop to check an animal or bird that looks injured or out of place.

Look carefully:

- What is the injury?
- How may it have been caused?
- Does the animal require assistance?

Be careful:

Get some help if necessary.

- Don't be a hero.

A frightened animal will often bite or scratch or peck quite unexpectedly and can cause serious harm to you and itself in struggling to get away from a well-meaning rescuer.

Be equipped:

- An old bath towel is excellent for catching the animal.
- Thick gloves can be useful (but don't rely on them too much!)
- A hessian sack or pillow cases can be used to hold the animal - they minimise damage and often have a calming effect.
- A firm cardboard box with a lid will often be enough.
- Lizards - Make sure when holding in a towel that the entire body is supported



For more information or help with a native animal call

- Tamworth and Armidale
- 1800-008 290 a free sponsored call by Telstra
- Deepwater... 6734-5241
- Tenterfield... 6736-2462
- Glen Innes... 6732-1838
- Walcha ... 6777 5919

or write to:- NTWC PO Box 550
Armidale 2350

online at www.ntwc.org.au

Membership

\$15 Single and \$20 Family per year for authorised and support members

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Minor Injuries (slightly injured or stunned)

- Rest in a safe, warm and quiet environment may be all that is required. Clean minor wounds with warm, salty water (1/2 teaspoon per litre).

Major or Unknown Injuries

- After initial assessment place the animal in a covered box in a dark, quiet room and leave it alone. The stress of people looking at it or making lots of noise could be fatal Then:
 - contact NTWC for advice or take the animal to the nearest vet for a check-up and treatment
 - Injuries are not always obvious and if shock is present the animal can die rapidly if not treated. Puncture wounds from cats or dogs are often fatal without immediate antibiotic treatment by a veterinarian.



Orphaned Wildlife

- Always check the pouches of dead mothers. All orphans require warmth and frequent feeds - up to six times daily for possums, kangaroos, and wombats and even more for nestling birds.
 - Do not feed an orphan unless you are sure of its requirements. Many animals have intolerance to cow's milk.
 - Specialised milks are available.
- Native animals are protected by the Crown and most require a permit from National Parks and Wildlife Service for long term care prior to release.

PLEASE HELP US HELP OUR WILDLIFE



The Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers Inc., an independent group, was formed in 1992 by a small group of dedicated local wildlife carers.

The organisations's aims and objectives are:

- to rescue and rehabilitate native animals on the Northern Tablelands
- to form a strong local support network of skilled wildlife carers and interested members
- to raise funds to help carers meet veterinary and feeding costs and cover administration costs
- to work with landholders in the wider areas of research, habitat, revegetation and release sites.
- Meetings are held bi-monthly at different venues in the New England area. The Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers Inc. was formed to assist the rescue, rehabilitation and release of orphaned, injured or misplaced native animals on the Northern Tablelands.
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This advice is for the temporary care of an animal until a licensed Wildlife Carer can be contacted.

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