

I Found A Possum What Do I Do

Beware possums in pain can react badly they have sharp teeth & claws so be careful! If the possum is injured or sick then you can carefully

place in, or cover with a box, or washing basket until help arrives. If you managed to place it in a box then you can either take it to your local vet or arrange for a carer to pick it up.

If it's a baby keep it warm, but not over 30^c contact a carer.

PLEASE DO NOT

Attempt to raise it yourself;

Many young possums die

Because a well meaning

Person tried to hand raise it.

If the possum is in your house

Or roof, then contact one of the

Control companies that deal with possum removal.

If the possum is in a tree and being attacked by birds DON'T PANIC. This is a common occurrence and Either the possum will move on or the birds will tire of harassing it.

**WANT TO HELP OUR WILDLIFE
BECOME A CARER**

Join our group

Or

MAKE A DONATION

I Found A Bird What Do I Do

If the bird is injured or sick carefully place it in a cardboard box with a towel. Keep in a dark warm quiet place until you get help.

The bird can be taken to your local vet or you can call one of the numbers overleaf. Please DO NOT attempt to care for the bird yourself, without experience it could be a bad outcome for the bird.

If it is a baby and feathered it may have taken its maiden flight. Check to see if the parent birds are about and if so then place it in a tree where they can see and hear the baby. Most times its second flight attempt will be more successful. If the baby has no parents about, then call one of the numbers overleaf to arrange for a carer.

If you wish to help raise orphan injured native animals,

Join our group as most

Animals have a specialised diet.

We have mentors to give advice and support.

Call our Secretary
Michele on 0401758562

**South East Queensland
Wildlife
Carers Association Inc**

THE GLOVEBOX GUIDE

To Injured Wildlife

Human life is more important than any animal!

Never put yourself at risk trying to help an animal

Call an experienced Carer.

Kim Challis

0402644162

(Mammal's, reptiles and bats)

Michele Chubb

0401758562

(Bats, reptile's, turtles and lizards)

RSPCA
07 34269999

Injured Roo What Do I Do?

Don't attempt to handle it yourself, these are powerful animals equipped with sharp claws and teeth, and will lash out in pain.

If the animal is obviously injured beyond help e.g. broken leg the police in most instances will come out and humanely put the animal down.

If there is a **JOEY** and it is **FURRED**, then gently remove the Joey from the pouch and wrap it in a jumper or something warm and keep it close to your body until you can find a registered carer for the animal. Do NOT attempt to raise it yourself; many Joeys die because a well meaning person tried to raise them.

If the **Joey** is **Pink** (i.e. no fur)
DO NOT REMOVE IT FROM THE POUCH

When joeys are young their mouths fuse to the teat and incorrect removal results in brain hemorrhage and the baby will die. You need to either take the body of the mother with you to get help or wait until a carer can come to help you.

Orphans have special formulas
Please don't try to feed them.

I Found A **Bat** What Do I Do

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO HANDLE IT
Some Bats carry a disease that can be transmitted to humans by bite or scratch. If you find a bat on a barb wire fence don't get too close, throw a towel or rag over it to protect it from the sun and keep it calm. **Don't try to remove it**, call a vaccinated carer.

Bats can get caught in netting over fruit trees, on barb wire fences, power lines, in swimming pools or just hanging in a tree in your yard. **DON'T TOUCH IT**. As the virus bats can carry is deadly, any bats that bites or scratches a human will be euthanized if it's injured or not, so call a carer.

Put a basket or cardboard box over any bat found on the ground and call a carer.

IF BITTEN OR SCRATCHED
Wash the area with warm soapy water for five minutes then call the health department.

BRISBANE 07 30009148
GOLD COAST 07 55097222

I found a **KOALA** what do I do

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO HANDLE.
Koalas can inflict very serious injuries. They have extremely sharp claws & teeth & are not as cuddly as they look. They should only be handled by EXPERIENCED CARERS.

If the animal is in your house shut the room until Help arrives.

Daisy Hill Koala Centre 32909136
Ambulance 0412429898
Moggill koala hospital 32020267
RSPCA 34269999

I Found A **Reptile** What Do I Do

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO HANDLE IT
If you have found a snake get help
DON'T BE A STATISTIC
Most people that are bitten by deadly snakes are trying to either catch or kill the snake, or misidentify the animal.
Snake catchers are listed with the local council, police and on the internet.

Note: All Native animals are protected including reptiles; it is an offence to kill snakes.

If it is a lizard then you can place it in a cardboard box and take it to your vet or ring a carer over leaf.

Larger lizards such as monitors (goanna) should not be touched.
Call a reptile handler for help.

If possible take a digital photo of your visiting reptile and ask your snake handler for their email address they may be able to I. D the animal on the internet for you.

Snake catchers do charge a fee so make sure you watch the animal and give as much information as possible. If the snake is in your house and you can shut it in a room then roll up towel and jam hard up under the door so the snake can't get out.

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