

How do I become a Wildlife Carer?

Please contact one of the Wildcare Committee Members who can give you more information about our organisation and answer any questions you might have or come along to one of our meetings and talk to other carers.

All Carers must have a current Wildlife Carers Permit issued by Parks and Wildlife. You can obtain your permit by contacting Parks & Wildlife in Palmerston on (08) 8999 4486 between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

Handraising young animals is only one part of being a carer. For example, empty cages in the backyard could be put to good use for rehabilitating older, injured animals. These animals may only require morning and afternoon feeds so they would not be as demanding as a younger animal needing 5 or 6 feeds per day. You will need to take into consideration the animal's requirements and the amount of time you are willing to commit. Handraising can be a very enjoyable and rewarding experience, but sometimes it can be quite distressing. A big percentage of animals actually make it back into the wild but the rest, unfortunately die. All animals that are nursed back to health are released back into a suitable habitat after a rehabilitation process. Wildcare members absorb the total cost of all foods, medication, vet fees, rehabilitation and relocation. Wildcare is an entirely volunteer organisation and will support and assist carers in these areas anyway they can, by reducing food costs, and helping to pay vet fees etc, but we need your support at fundraising events to achieve this, so we encourage all members to help out. Attending at least 2 fundraisers per year for a few hours, shares



the workload and helps everyone involved.

What do I do if I find an injured or orphaned animal?

For help and advice on what to do, follow the basic information outlined below. Most animals can be picked up safely by throwing a large towel over them first. The other option is to phone a Wildcare Committee member (numbers are on the inside of this brochure).

Birds

Young Birds - place in a cardboard box and keep in a warm quiet place.

Injured/Adult Birds - place in a cardboard box (or similar), keep in a warm quiet place.

Mammals

Young Mammals - Kangaroos, possums, bandicoots, quolls, etc. place in a pillowcase or down your shirt to keep them warm. Offer cooled boiled water only.

Injured/Adult Mammals - Injured adult animals are scared and can cause injury to you, so always handle carefully.

Bats

Young Bats - Cover with a towel, place in a box and contact a Committee Member.

Adult Bats - Ring a Committee Member.

If bitten please consult your doctor immediately.

Lizards

For all injured lizards, call a Committee Member.

Remember

- ◆ Keep domestic animals and children away from these animals as they will already be very stressed and stress kills. Human contact with injured native animals should be minimised to reduce further problems.
- ◆ Marsupials cannot tolerate the lactose in cows' milk so it should not be offered to them.
- ◆ If you injure an animal with your car, check to see if it is still alive. If so cover to keep warm and get help. Check the pouch for young. If young are still attached to a nipple, DO NOT detach. Keep mother and young and call a Committee Member.

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**Membership
Form**

**Caring for the
Territory's Wildlife**



P.O. Box 464
PALMERSTON NT 0831

I wish to join/rejoin Wildcare Inc. as an:

- Active member** – involved in rescue and or caring for animals (Please complete section A,B & C)
- Associate or Corporate member** – offers support for Wildcare Inc. (Please complete sections A & C)

Section A

APPLICANT INFORMATION	
Name:	
Residential Address:	
Postal Address:	
City:	Post Code:
Home Phone:	
Mobile Phone:	
Work Phone:	
Email:	

- Full Membership \$30
- Family Membership \$40
- Junior Membership \$15
- Corporate Membership \$60
- Associate Membership \$20

How to pay

- Cheque/ Money order
- Cash (Can be dropped to either Litchfield Vet or University Avenue Vet Clinics)
- Bank Deposit – Westpac Name : Wildcare Inc BSB : 035 302 Account No : 317345

I have read and understand the Code of Practice for wildlife carers and agree to adhere to the code.

Signed

Date

Section B

CARING FOR ANIMALS			
Parks & Wildlife permit no:			
Experience in caring: (y/n) details:			
I would like to care for:	Intensive >4 feeds/day	Medium 3 x a day	Low 1-2 x a day
Birds			
Bats			
Possums			
Wallabies			
Other mammals			
Reptiles			
YOUR OWN FACILITIES			
Cages: yes/no			
Transport cages: yes/no			
Terrariums/fish tank: yes/no			

Section C

ACTIVITIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraisers (helping at a stall, BBQ)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraisers (helping with supplies/baking)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Handicraft (sewing bags)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Construction (boxes, cages)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pickup and delivery of goods
<input type="checkbox"/>	Food bagging
<input type="checkbox"/>	Offering land for release of animals
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organise Donations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
AVAILABILITY FOR RESCUE	
<input type="checkbox"/>	weekdays and weekend all hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	weekends and after hours only
<input type="checkbox"/>	Particular times only _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Phone service only (ring carers for pickups)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not available

Wildcare Inc is a non-profit organisation, which provides a support network for carers of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. The primary objective is to rehabilitate and release these animals back into their natural habitat and to raise community awareness concerning the care and conservation of native animals. As a member of Wildcare you are insured against any injury caused as a result of caring for native animals.

Meetings and Functions for Wildcare Inc are held throughout the year. Wildcare is constantly looking for donations, both goods & monetary, to use for their many fundraising events. Wildcare also needs community support and is inviting your business to become a Corporate Sponsor. To obtain more information, contact us on 0408 885 341 or email wildcaredarwin@gmail.com.

