

What to do if you spot sick, injured or orphaned wildlife

You can help injured wildlife by following these simple steps:

1. Observe the animal for signs of injury or illness and approach carefully. Always ensure the safety of yourself and others.
2. Remove the immediate threat (e.g. dogs, cats etc). If it is an injured or sick koala, bat, snake or adult kangaroo or wallaby, please call the RSPCA immediately on 1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625) and do not handle these animals.
3. If it is a bird, small mammal or small non-venomous reptile then check if the animal is still alive and pick it up using a towel or blanket and place in a ventilated box. Secure the box and keep it in a warm, dark and quiet place away from pets and people.
4. Seek advice immediately from the RSPCA on 1300 ANIMAL or take the animal to a vet. The 1300 ANIMAL hotline is manned 24 hours / 7 days a week all year!

Stir the Little Friar Bird

Stir was found sitting on the road next to his deceased mate. Friarbirds are very social animals that form very strong bonds with their family group. Luckily Stir was not struck by another car and made it into the safe hands of an Eagleby resident. The Logan Wildlife Ambulance was dispatched after the finder called 1300ANIMAL for help. After a thorough check up at the RSPCA wildlife hospital he was reunited with the rest of his family.



Photo:
Leonie
Rickard

Remember:

- If you find a healthy uninjured baby bird that has fallen from the nest, you can attempt to return it to its parents. Call RSPCA for advice on how to do this.
- Remember to check the pouches of dead kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, echidnas, possums and bandicoots for young. If you find pouch young please call 1300ANIMAL for advice.
- If in doubt call the RSPCA - remember your safety comes first. Do not attempt a rescue unless you are confident that you will not be harmed and your actions will save the animal. The RSPCA will be able to provide advice, guidance and coordinates the dispatch of the Logan Wildlife Ambulance.

Logan Wildlife Ambulance

Logan City Council and RSPCA Qld have joined forces to deliver a dedicated wildlife ambulance to rescue any sick or injured animals in Logan. Staffed by volunteers, the ambulance operates 24 hours, 7 days a week and services the entire Logan area.

Call 1300 ANIMAL for advice, guidance or for help from the Logan Wildlife Ambulance.

How else can you help?

- Be a responsible pet owner - keep your cat indoors at night and den or tether your dog between dusk and dawn.
- Be alert for animals on the road especially between dusk and dawn and drive carefully in bushland areas. Take extra care when driving through gullies and approaching corners and crests.
- Create a wildlife-friendly backyard by planting natives, installing nest boxes and providing water. For more information see Councils website.
- Make your fencing wildlife-friendly, in particular avoid barbed wire, and use appropriate netting to protect your garden fruit and keep wildlife safe from entanglement. See www.wildlifefriendlyfencing.com
- Use environmentally responsible horse management techniques to aid the health of your horse, land and wallet! See www.equiculture.com.au
- Dispose of all rubbish appropriately - wildlife can die or become seriously injured by being entangled or ingesting all sorts of rubbish that has been thoughtlessly discarded.
- Before appropriately discarding any fishing line or string, cut it into short lengths, free of tangles and use metal hooks as they rust quickly unlike stainless steel.

