Why Become a Wildlife rehabilitator?

Every year thousands of native animals are orphaned. Without rehabilitators, they have no chance of survival.

Did you know...?

- ·Tasmania has the highest rate of roadkill in the world.
- •There are not enough trained rehabilitators to meet demand.
- •With proper care, many rescued animals can be successfully rehabilitated & released.

We need more rehabilitators like you.

- •Flexible commitment take on as much or as little as you can manage.
- •All training is provided no prior experience needed! •Wildlife rescue is deeply rewarding – knowing you've helped save a life is an incredible feeling!

Start your journey today by signing up for training.

Wildlife Rescue Training

Not ready to be a rehabilitator? **Become a rescuer instead.**

Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary offers **FREE** online training for anyone interested in becoming a rescuer.

What's covered?

- · How to safely handle injured wildlife
- · Checking pouches for orphaned joeys
 - · Transport of native animals



Upcoming courses:

Scan the QR code to find out more!





Key Organisations Supporting Wildlife Care



Wildlife Network Tasmania (WNT)

- · Provides ongoing training & support for wildlife volunteers.
- Created to drive positive change within Tasmania's wildlife sector.
- Funded by the Tasmanian Government, WNT is a volunteer board committed to improving the welfare of native wildlife and those who support them.



Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE)

- Issues wildlife rehabilitation permits and regulates the possession of native wildlife.
- Oversees and enforces animal welfare standards for our native wildlife in Tasmania.

Wildlife Information, Rescue & Education Service (WIRES)



- Provides online training for wildlife rehabilitation.
- Coordinates the placement of injured and orphaned wildlife into care.
- Australia's largest wildlife rescue organisation, based in NSW, operating under government authority.

Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary



- Operates, trains and insures Tasmania's 24/7 volunteer-based wildlife rescue service.
- Runs Tasmania's largest wildlife hospital funded by the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW).
- · A privately owned & run wildlife sanctuary.
- Provides care and rehabilitation to a wide range of wildlife.



Wildlife Rehabilitators

Wildlife rehabilitators are the backbone of the volunteer sector.

They provide specialised care for sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife, preparing them for their return to the wild.

Each of these roles and organisations plays a vital part in Tasmania's wildlife rescue and rehabilitation network, working together to ensure the best outcomes for the state's native animals.

Become a Wildlife Rehabilitator

Help Save Tasmania's Wildlife



Every year, countless native animals need care—you can make a difference.



Inside, learn how you can get involved.



Who is Wildlife Network Tasmania?

Wildlife Network Tasmania is the peak body supporting wildlife volunteers across Tasmania.

We connect, support, and advocate for wildlife rehabilitators, rescuers, and stakeholders.

We work closely with NRE, WIRES, Bonorong, and other organisations to ensure wildlife rehabilitators and rescuers have the training, resources, and support they need.

Our Purpose:

- · Support & train wildlife rehabilitators
- Advocate for better outcomes for Tasmania's native wildlife & those who care for them.
- Build a strong, connected wildlife volunteer community

How WNT fits into the network...

Rescuers:

Wildlife rescuers respond to emergencies involving sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife. They provide initial assessment, transport, and short-term care before animals are placed with a rehabilitator for ongoing treatment.

Rehabilitators:

Wildlife rehabilitators provide specialised care for sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife from the time of intake until they are ready for release back into the wild. Their role is essential in ensuring animals receive the appropriate treatment, rehabilitation, and preparation for a successful return to their natural habitat.



Wildlife Network Tasmania (WNT):

Supports, trains, and advocates for wildlife carers and rescuers across the state. Join us to access training, resources, and a supportive community while staying up to date on workshops, sector updates, and initiatives.

Stay Connected with WNT!

- Get alerts about upcoming training & workshops
- · Access exclusive resources
- · Receive support & stay informed
- · Sign up to our newsletter via our website to receive updates.



Become a rehabilitator.

A step-by-step guide

1. Complete WIRES Online Intro to Mammals



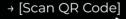
2. Attend a face-to-face Practical Session

After completing WIRES online training, attend a local practical workshop to gain hands-on experience.



3. Set Up Your Enclosures

· Build a safe, species-appropriate enclosure at home. Download & read the Best Practice Guidelines (BPG) to ensure your enclosure requirments are in line with legislation, scientific research, and expert advice.





4. Buy & collect supplies

Start collecting essential supplies. These are items such as; bottles, teats, formula, impact colostrum, pouches etc.

Animal Rescue Cooperative (ARC Tas) can help with this.

5. Apply for a Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit

Apply through NRE to become a registered wildlife rehabilitator.

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6. Connect with a Mentor

Pair with an experienced rehabilitator (NRE will assist with this).

Email: wildlife.services@nre.tas.gov.au



7. Download xMatters App & Register

The app alerts rehabilitators when an animal needs care

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8. Start Caring

Wait for your first suitable animal. (Discuss with your mentor).

