

Easy Reference Sheet

Wildlife Supplies

General Wildlife Foods and Supplements

Wildcare Australia Inc Email: shop@wildcare.org.au	Wildcare uniforms, merchandise and training manuals. Possum boxes and Snugglesafe Heat Pads
Currumbin Wildlife Hospital 27 Millers Drive, Currumbin Phone: 5534 0813	Most wildlife foods and supplements held in stock for purchase at Hospital Reception. Can place bulk orders with them by telephoning ahead to the Reception staff.
Australian Wildlife Supplies www.wildlifesupplies.com.au	A wide variety of products for birds, mammals. Milk replacers, teats, supplements. <i>Mention that you are a wildlife carer for a discount on some products.</i>
Vet Products Direct www.vetproductsdirect.com	A wide variety of products for birds and wildlife products, milk replacers. Club members receive a great discount so consider joining their Club to access special prices.
GeckoDan www.geckodan.com	Reptile and bird products and supplements. Pop-up mesh enclosures.
Local Pet & Produce Stores	Check your local pet and produce stores as often these are cheaper than larger pet stores and can order items in for you (and you support a local small business!). Mention you are a wildlife volunteer and many will provide you with a discount.

Live and Frozen Foods

- Tips:**
- Purchase live food in bulk quantities
 - Purchase a bulk quantity and set up a breeding colony – very easy to set up and maintain
 - Split a large live food order between multiple carers
 - Check local pet shops – some of them offer “royalty reward cards” for the sale of live food.

Livefoods Unlimited www.livefoods.com.au	Crickets, wood cockroaches, giant mealworms, reptile equipment and books <i>Mention you are a wildlife carer and they will generally give a discount on bulk live food purchases.</i>
Pisces Enterprises Pty Ltd www.piscesenterprises.com/cms/	Crickets, mealworms wood cockroaches, earthworms, silkworms, fly pupae, snails. Frozen mice, rats, rabbits and quails <i>** Pet wholesaler but will sell bulk orders directly to wildlife carers.</i>
Aquatic Flora and Fauna https://www.whitepages.com.au/aquatic-flora-fauna-11884374/beerwah-qld-11884375B	Phone; 5494 0900 Good supplier for mealworms Located at Beerwah, Sunshine Coast
The ARcade www.frogs.org.au	Frozen crickets, fly pupae, gents. Live crickets, fly pupae, woodies, mealworms, gents. Frozen mice, rats, crickets, maggots and pupae.

Books

ABK Publications

www.birdkeeper.com.au
www.reptilepublications.com.au

eBay

www.ebay.com.au

Andrew Isles

www.andrewisles.com

Lifeline Bookfests

www.facebook.com/LifelineBookfestQLD/

Book Depository

www.bookdepository.co.uk

Cages, aviaries, transport cages etc.

Online Discount Stores	www.dealsdirect.com.au www.oo.com.au www.crazysales.com.au
eBay www.ebay.com.au	Lots of second hand cages and aviaries for sale. You can search via location to find ones that are close to your location.
Gumtree www.gumtree.com.au	Free to advertise – good for picking up second hand cages and aviaries.
Contact your Coordinator	If you need cages etc, let your Wildcare Species Coordinator know as we often have cages donated that are distributed to carers.

Facebook groups

Buy Swap Sell groups	Search for local “Buy Swap Sell” groups in your region.
STAR Stitchers for Tamborine Animal Rescues	Volunteers that make beautiful pouches, bags etc for wildlife carers. Will supply licensed wildlife carers throughout Australia. https://www.facebook.com/groups/433287593542166/
Australian Wildlife Carers Buy Swap and Sell	Wildlife carers selling or giving away wildlife related items. www.facebook.com/groups/573324819471256/

Other Tips

- When purchasing more expensive equipment (such as aviaries etc), make sure that you tell the supplier that you are a volunteer wildlife carer – they will often give discounts to volunteers.
- Utilise your local Council funding opportunities. Brisbane, Logan and Redland Councils all offer funding to wildlife carers to help with the costs associated with rescuing and rehabilitating wildlife.
- “Grow your Own” vegetables or ask your family and friends to grow them for you – great for wildlife that are fed green vegetables such as spinach, lettuce etc.
- Use natural diet wherever possible. Grass and browse is much cheaper than fruit, vegetables and supplements (and better for your wildlife!)
- Buy in bulk where you can to reduce cost.
- Put up a sign at your workplace asking for the donation of cages, pet carry cages, linen etc. You will be amazed at the things that people have stored in their garages collecting dust that they are happy to donate to a good cause.
- Read instructions on products properly. Don’t waste products by using more than the required amount. This is very relevant for concentrated products such as F10® and many vitamins and food supplements.
- Utilise the Wildcare Facebook pages to organise car-pooling to workshops and for sharing with other carers “windfalls” such as out of date products or specials at various stores.
- Use second-hand doonas and quilts (natural materials only) to make warm outer pouches for orphaned joeys.
- Start planting more native trees now – it doesn’t take long for them to be big enough to be able to harvest browse for wildlife in care.
- Contact your local community garden and/or permaculture group. These community groups offer great educational workshops on growing plants and fruit/vegetables.