

Important Information about your Rehabilitation Permit Endorsement



This information sheet is provided with your Rehabilitation Permit Endorsement (“Permit”). Please note the following important points with regards to your Permit:-

1. Please ensure that you keep your Permit in a safe place.
2. You may be asked to produce your Permit when collecting wildlife from veterinary clinics, wildlife hospitals and other wildlife-related facilities to prove that you are legally entitled to hold such wildlife.
3. You should always carry the following with you when undertaking your rehabilitation activities:-
 - Your original Rehabilitation Permit Endorsement (all pages); and
 - Your Wildcare Membership Card; and
 - Current photo identification (such as Drivers Licence)
4. Your Permit is subject to you remaining a financial member of Wildcare.

Permit Conditions

Please check the label affixed to the front page of the Permit Endorsement to ascertain whether there are any Conditions noted thereon.

The following information is provided to assist you understand any Conditions that are noted on your Permit.

Permit limited to up to 20 animals

All Wildcare Permits are endorsed for a maximum of 20 animals, unless otherwise stated. It is not within most rehabilitator’s capacity to care for more than this number of animals. In some instances, we might limit the number of animals for new members to a lesser number. However, if you feel that you require a Permit for additional animals, please contact us so that we can discuss increasing the limit of your Permit.

Permit issued for Rescues and Emergency Care only

The ‘Condition’ section may refer to “Rescues and 24 hour emergency care only”. This generally means that you have only completed the initial training courses and have not as yet completed species-specific training. Once you have completed training on the species that you wish to care for, you can then forward a request to have your Permit updated. We ask that you submit records for all rescues carried out, including when the animals were dead on arrival (DOA) or could not be located.

Permit conditional upon a particular species only

The attached Permit has been issued for the species noted in the “Species Permitted” section. Our records indicate that your training is up to date for these species only. Most Wildcare members hold a Permit for 1, 2 or 3 specific species only as it is impractical for wildlife carers to be able to rehabilitate all species of wildlife. If you wish to extend your Permit to cover other species once you have completed the relevant training and you hold the relevant equipment and housing to care for those species, you can then forward a request to have your Permit updated.

Permit conditional upon submission of Rescue/Carer Records

The ‘Condition’ section may refer to “Submission of outstanding Rescue/Carer Records”. This means that our records indicate that you are behind in submitting your Rescue/Carer Records. If this is the case, then a short grace period is provided to you to comply with this condition. **If you have not complied with this Condition within the time period stipulated, then the Permit will be considered to be automatically cancelled.**

If you require assistance with the record-keeping requirements, please contact our record keeper Kiersten Jones by email at records@wildcare.org.au.

Keeping accurate records of the wildlife rescued and rehabilitated by our volunteers is vitally important for obtaining funding. This data is also very valuable to local Councils, Main Roads and other entities that utilise it to try to protect our wildlife.

Record Keeping Requirements for New Members

All records must be submitted at least once every six (6) calendar months, i.e. January to June records submitted in July, and July to December records submitted in January the following year. If you are a new member of Wildcare and have not as yet started to submit Rescue/Carer Records, please refer to the information contained in the Carers Resources section of the Wildcare website which provides instructions on submitting records. If you require assistance with submitting your records, please contact Kiersten by email at records@wildcare.org.au.

Training Requirements

Wildcare Australia Inc. believes that the ongoing training and education of wildlife rehabilitators is an important aspect of wildlife rehabilitation.

Wildcare requires Permit holders to complete appropriate training **each year** for the species that you are permitted to care for. If you are caring for three different species of wildlife, then it will be necessary for you to complete at least three training workshops each year; one for each of those species. For experienced rehabilitators, this may include workshops on other topics such as Advanced First Aid, Wildlife Rescue (Advanced), Wildlife Anatomy and Physiology or workshops organised with special guest-speakers.

The Wildcare training year runs from July to June in line with your membership and Permit. We recommend that you ensure that you complete the training as early in the year as possible. Leaving your training requirements until the last month or two may result in you not being able to comply with the training requirements. Remember also that some workshops are only offered once a year.

Housing and Equipment

Your Permit is subject to you having adequate housing facilities and equipment appropriate for the species listed therein as referred to in the Minimum Housing Standards for those species. If you are unsure whether your facilities are adequate, please contact the relevant Species Coordinator. A copy of the Minimum Housing Standards was included on your Volunteer Manual CD.

Enquiries Regarding your Permit

If you have any questions about your Permit, please do not hesitate to contact Wildcare by email to secretary@wildcare.org.au.

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