

Easy Reference Sheet

Wildlife Supplies

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General Wildlife Foods and Supplements

Wildcare Australia Inc Email: shop@wildcare.org.au	Wildcare merchandise: shirts, safety vests, lanyards, business cards, car magnets and training manuals. Shop items: Possum boxes, Snugglesafe disks, digital probe thermometers, feather pouches, large macropod rescue bags, teats, bottles etc. Donated items: Joey pouches, second-hand linen, blankets etc.
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 and general rehab equipment.
Wildlife Supplies for Sale www.wildlifesupplies.org	A variety of bottles and teats for orphaned mammals.
Vet Products Direct www.vetproductsdirect.com	A wide variety of products for birds and wildlife products, milk replacers. Consider joining their Club to access discounted 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	Telephone: 5494 0900 Email: aquaco23@gmail.com Good supplier for mealworms. Located at Beerwah, Sunshine Coast.
Reptile Deli www.reptiledeli.com.au	Great supplier for frozen rats and mice. Free delivery on bulk orders.
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.
Bio Supplies https://biosupplies.net.au/	Frozen rats, crickets, quail Live crickets, black fly pupae, mealworms Bird and reptile products

ICU / Brooders

Whelping Supplies	Sells Vetario brooders. Local company on the Gold Coast. www.whelpingsupplies.com.au
Bellsouth Poultry Equipment	Sells Rcom Brooder ICU https://eshop.bellsouth.com.au/epages/bellsouth.sf/en_AU/?ObjectPath=/Shops/bellsouth/Categories/Incubators/ICU
Top Knot Poultry Supplies	Sells egg incubators and brooders/ICU www.tkpoulttrysupplies.com.au
WA Poultry Equipment	Sells Brinsea/Vetario brooders/ICU www.wapoultryequipment.net.au

Cages, aviaries, transport cages etc.

Facebook Market Place	Free to advertise - good for picking up second hand cages and aviaries
Gumtree www.gumtree.com.au	Free to advertise – good for picking up second hand cages and aviaries.
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.
AliExpress www.aliexpress.com	Online shopping platform from suppliers in China, some OEM and others aftermarket versions. Good for small items like heat mats and thermometers.
Online Discount Stores	www.dealsdirect.com.au www.oo.com.au www.crazysales.com.au
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.
Buy Swap Sell groups	Search for local “Buy Swap Sell” groups in your region.

Books

Wildcare has an account with **CSIRO** which carries an excellent catalogue of book titles related to wildlife, ecology, conservation and flora and fauna subjects. We can place prepaid orders on behalf of members. Look out for our book order posts on Wildcare Facebook Community page.

ABK Publications

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

Andrew Isles

www.andrewisles.com

Book Depository

www.bookdepository.co.uk

eBay

www.ebay.com.au

Lifeline Bookfest

www.facebook.com/LifelineBookfestQLD/

Amazon.com.au : Books

www.amazon.com.au

Other Tips

- Contact your Species Coordinator and more experienced carers when you are planning construction of aviaries/enclosures to discuss the best designs, tips on the best materials and how to maximize your budget.
- When purchasing more expensive equipment (such as aviaries), make sure that you tell the supplier that you are a volunteer wildlife carer – they will often give discounts to volunteers.
- Tap on 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. Contact Wildcare if you feel you require assistance to complete your funding proposal.
- 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.
- Buy in bulk where you can to reduce cost.
- Build up a good relationship with your local fruit discount store and butcher, tell them you are a volunteer wildlife carer, and ask for discounts for items purchased.
- Post on the Wildcare Facebook Transport pages for car-pooling to workshops and transporting animals to the wildlife hospitals and carers.
- Share on Wildcare Facebook Community page "windfalls" such as out of date products or specials at various stores.
- 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.
- Browse Op shops and markets for second hand goods and linen. Suitable china ware can be used as feeding bowls and bird baths.
- Use natural diet wherever possible. Grass and browse is much cheaper than fruit, vegetables and supplements (and better for your 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. 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.
- Contact your local Men's shed and suggest projects for possum boxes, perches and animal pens.
- Be innovative and repurpose everyday items for your animal care use, always keeping in mind the husbandry requirements for your animal and share with fellow carers what works.