

Animal Rescue Centre



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Wildlife Rescue Darwin

Wildlife Rescue Darwin is a not for profit organisation which provides emergency treatment and care for sick, injured and orphaned native Australian wildlife in the Darwin region of the Northern Territory.

Possums, wallabies, frogs, birds and all sorts of wildlife make their way to us. Wildlife Rescue Darwin's services are proudly provided by the not for profit organisation The Ark Animal Welfare Services.

Our services are provided at no cost to the community. Not only do we care for and rehabilitate wildlife, our Veterinarians treat these animals as required to give them the best possible chance to get back to where they belong; the wild. This does sometimes involve expensive surgeries and treatments and long, hard work from our dedicated team members and volunteer foster parents. We need your help to continue the work we are doing.

Many of the animals in our care go on to our prison program for further rehabilitation. The cost of this is also worn by Wildlife Rescue Darwin. Recently Wildlife Rescue Darwin has expanded their facilities to accommodate better flight aviaries.

These aviaries are aimed at rehabilitating birds to be at their best flight capability before release.

They can now hold approximately 10 birds at any one time, with stays up to 6 weeks.



Wildlife Carers

Help the NT's native animals. Do you wish to care for and nurture sick, injured or orphaned wildlife?

Wildlife Rescue Darwin are always looking for carers to raise birds, reptiles, possums and joeys. Visit www.nt.gov.au and download a carers permit application. Once you have your permit, drop it in at the Animal Rescue Centre.

You can then be contacted if an animal comes to us in need of a carer. We also run caring for wildlife courses, contact us to find out when our next one will be held!

Tetanus in Wallabies Dr Stephen Cutter B.V.Sc(hons)

One of the joys of working as a vet in the Northern Territory is the vast amount of wildlife I get to treat and see. One of my most common and favourite patients are orphaned agile wallabies. These poor little guys have lost their mothers usually as a result of a car accident. Often they come in with breaks and bruises of their own which may require a surgery to fix. They have a sweet nature and are very friendly but they are also fighters and on the whole are committed to staying alive. Despite being tough little guys the amount of care they need is significant especially when they're very young. It requires a lot of time and specialised skills to successfully rear a joey. They also require special foods and a lot of attention. It is a big commitment. All orphaned wallabies need to be vaccinated against tetanus. Wallabies are very sensitive to tetanus. If they get it they almost certainly are going to die from it. It is an awful way to die. Early on they salivate, twitch and have difficulty swallowing. They then have severe spasms and seizures and eventually die. The organism that causes tetanus lives in the soil. Joeys get their protection against diseases like tetanus from the milk their mother gives them. If they lose their mother and her milk they lose their protection too. Joeys should be vaccinated before they go outside. Orphaned wallabies should be vaccinated as soon as they have a competent immune system - about the same time as they get hair. - before that they should stay in their pouch. They require a second booster one month after the first. If they are still in care they require an annual booster but hopefully by then they will be back in the wild where they are supposed to be.

For more adoptable pets,
Go to pawsdarwin.org.au

Tahlia



Tahlia is a 10 month old female Domestic Short Hair who was brought into PAWS Darwin as a stray. Affectionate and playful, Tahlia would be the perfect addition to a family home.

Cat of the Month

Dog of the Month

Desiree



Desiree is a 3 year old female Mixed Breed. Desiree loves going to the beach and would love a couch to share with her family!!!

PAWS 'n' WALK

Bring your dog down and join the pack, as the PAWS Darwin shelter staff lead people and dogs around Palmerston. Learn how to teach your dog to socialise with people, dogs and sounds!

Don't have a dog of your own?

Bring a PAWS dog along and help teach them skills needed in finding a new home of their own. Leaves from the Animal Rescue Centre, 6-7pm every Thursday.

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Rabbits

Rabbits are excellent pets. They are becoming more popular as pets world wide because they make excellent pets for flats and units as they are very clean, quiet, and most are naturally toilet trained.

Rabbits have constantly growing teeth so they need plenty of hard things to chew on like pieces of safe, untreated, unpainted wood, carrots, chew treats and hard pellets. One of the draw backs of having a house rabbit is that their need to chew can sometimes be your furniture or even electrical cords. Their teeth should be checked at least annually by a veterinarian. Some rabbits especially dwarfs have poorly aligned teeth. These teeth don't wear down properly and if left unchecked can grow to occlude the rabbits mouth. If no one notices they can starve to death. Pet rabbits are very vulnerable to the same viruses that kill wild rabbits, notably myxomatosis and Calicivirus. Calicivirus is easy to prevent by getting your rabbit vaccinated annually. To protect your bunny from Myxomatosis you need to protect them against the fleas and mozzies that spread it. Use a long acting flea control (not all are safe for rabbits so ask your vet first) and ideally use mozzie proof netting over their hutches or windows.

Rabbits suffer badly during the build up and the wet in the top end. Their immune system is poor at this time of year so all sorts of problems crop up. Keep your rabbit inside if possible or keep them at least only on well drained ground with plenty of shelter from the rain. Your rabbit will also make a better pet if desexed - both male and female - they become less aggressive, are more settled and live longer. It will also stop them from breeding like, well, rabbits.

PAWS Darwin currently have 4 rabbits waiting for their forever homes. They will go to their new homes desexed, vaccinated and micro chipped.

Phone them for more information or drop in and visit these cuddly creatures!

