

What to do if you have found an injured animal.



If you have found an injured animal, here are some tips you can use to help. First and foremost please DO NOT attempt to handle any kinds of snakes, bats, adult wallabies, kangaroos or large birds as they can cause serious injury when distressed or in a traumatic state after an accident or injury they have sustained.

- Pick the animal up using a towel or blanket and be careful to avoid being scratched or bitten.
- Place the animal in a well ventilated box lined with a towel or blanket. The towel will give the animal something to cling to so that it doesn't slide around in the box.
- Place the box securely in the back seat of your car. Make sure that the lid is securely closed so that the animal cannot escape and cause you to have an accident.
- Keep the animal in a warm dark place and keep noise to a minimum to avoid stress. Native animals can die very quickly from stress.

DO NOT OFFER ANY FOOD OR WATER as native animals have very specialised diets and feeding an animal suffering from shock can be fatal.

- Take the animal to our vet clinic or contact us at Kimberley Wildlife Rescue as soon as possible.
- Some animals don't require rescuing, (it is common that baby birds are left for a short time while their parents forage for food).
- Unless the animal is in immediate danger just keep an eye on it to ensure a parent returns to care for the baby. Removing a baby bird can be detrimental to its well-being.
- If you find a kangaroo, wallaby, or possum that has been injured make sure you check the pouch - joeys can survive in the mother's pouch after an accident or injury
- Do not remove the Joey from the mother's teat, if removed from the teat incorrectly irreparable damage can be done to the Joey's mouth.
- If possible take the mother and Joey in tact to our vet clinic for attention or if in doubt contact us at Kimberley Wildlife Rescue Inc.

