

Numbers to call

Castlemaine Veterinary clinic – 5472 2268

Vets all natural - 1800 628 838

Animal Welfare Bendigo, Wildlife Rescue and Information, WRIN Bendigo – 0419 356 433

Wildlife Rescue Emergency Service, Central Vic – 0427 301 401

Wildlife Victoria – 1300 094 535

DEWLP – 136 186

Local kangaroo euthanasia by licensed and compassionate shooter - Bruce 0419 734 528

Five Freedoms Animal Rescue – Manfred 0438 681 501

Snake rescue – Adam Leslie 0431 874 523

Things to consider before you act

- Do not attempt to rescue an animal unless you are confident that you will not be harmed and your actions will save the animal.
- If on road, remove from road when safe, if dead move as **far away from road as possible**.
- Wild animals become stressed when being chased or handled. Please seek expert advice before chasing or handling any injured animal.
- Try to keep the animal calm by minimising the noise and interaction with people. Only handle if absolutely necessary. The injured animal will be in shock so it is **vital that it is kept warm, dark and quiet**.
- If the animal is really big, like a large kangaroo, **covering its head and body with a sheet can help calm it** whilst waiting for help to arrive
- If the animal is small enough, wrap it in a towel or beanie or pillow case before putting it into a well ventilated, secure box. Pad the container with towels, blanket or a jumper to make it less likely to roll around.
- **Do not try to give the animal food and water**. That's the last thing the animal needs right now. It needs specialised care.
- Always check dead animals too, as they may have surviving young with them (e.g. in a pouch) or near them.
- Please don't keep the animal and try to treat it yourself. You're doing the animal a disservice by not handing it over to a hospital and specialised carer with the important knowledge and training.
- Please don't pick up snakes or handle bats. Always call an expert.