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our
Fauna:

Rescue Rehabilitation Release

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Information Booklet

What is FAWNA?

A Government approved fauna rehabilitation organisation. FAWNA holds General Meetings, the times and venues of which are advised in the newsletter.

Where is FAWNA?

Based in Busselton with the majority of members located in the South West of Western Australia.

The Aims of FAWNA are to:

- Provide emergency care, shelter and rehabilitation for wildlife in need and to release them into a suitable natural environment.
- Encourage appreciation and respect in the minds of others for our native animals by providing educational programmes for FAWNA members and the public, with particular emphasis on schools.
- Provide support for other wildlife carers.
- Form associations with groups who have similar aims.
- Educate and increase awareness in FAWNA members and the public of the environmental issues that affect our indigenous fauna.
- Provide a pool of equipment for the use of members.
- Raise funds necessary to implement our aims.

How is FAWNA funded?

Through the generosity of the public, sponsorship and our own efforts.

Who can be a member of FAWNA?

Anyone over the age of 16 years who is interested in Australian native animals and has a responsible and caring attitude.



Who cares for the wildlife?

FAWNA members take care of the wildlife if they are able to house them adequately. Some members like to specialise in certain species. Threatened species come under Department of Environment and Conservation jurisdiction and may require experienced carers. All threatened species must be reported to DEC immediately.

How else can a FAWNA member help?

In many ways - with publicity, fund raising, making joey and possum pouches, obtaining and washing blankets, making cages and possum boxes, admin assistance and transporting wildlife or equipment. Often several members are needed to assist at local shows and other public functions or workshops. A member may wish to attend injured wildlife in the field or relocate an animal or bird to a suitable property.

What is a depot?

A depot is an initial point of contact to FAWNA Inc. Depots will provide guidance and advice on the care of animals. They are also designated drop off points. Depots take in casualties, give first aid, obtain veterinary treatment and may care for the animals or transfer them to a FAWNA member.

If you find a sick, injured or orphaned native animal, are you allowed to care for it?

The finder will often be advised to hand the animal to a carer if it is believed that the animal needs experienced care.

Otherwise FAWNA can assist a member of the public to look after an animal. The group has information brochures available on the care of many species and can sometimes lend emergency equipment and supply feeding bottles, special teats and correct foods to FAWNA members at a nominal cost.

What happens when an animal recovers?

When an animal is fully self-sufficient, it is returned to its native habitat whenever possible. Keeping native animals in captivity is not FAWNA's aim, although exceptions do occur. Most wildlife is protected by law and keeping an animal in captivity without a permit from the DEC or taking an animal from the wild may incur a heavy penalty.