



KANGAROO ROAD RESCUE



This is a free community native wildlife aid to help members of the public with kangaroo and joey rescues. Please keep this in the car.

“Kangaroos are intelligent, sentient beings, living in family groups and have their own songlines, language, culture and dreaming. As they traverse their own dreaming tracks they continue to activate the earths songlines for the survival of all living things.” Uncle Max Dulumunmun Harrison. Yuin Kangaroo Declaration

REMEMBER Stopping for wildlife saves lives. **RING WILDLIFE RESCUE** for advice and support. Look up any local wildlife numbers and add to your contacts now. Leave for your journey early so you are prepared to stop for injured wildlife. It takes courage to help an animal in distress. Make sure you are safe.

SPOTTED AN ORPHANED OR INJURED JOEY?

- **FIND A SAFE PLACE TO PULL OVER.** If you can't stop immediately, note of a landmark near the kangaroo so they're easier to find after you turn around. If at night, try to pull over so you can illuminate yourself and the animal with your headlights. Put on hazard lights.
- **ASSESS THE SAFETY SITUATION** If the animal is deceased, please move it as far from the road as you can and check to see if it is an animal with a pouch for a baby. Call Wildlife Rescue for assistance, even if dead, a lot of organisations record deaths and locations
- **IF THERE IS A JOEY** you will feel a lump, anything from the size of a jellybean to a 4 kilogram chunker! You will need a torch, your phone is good enough. If you find a little one alive, call Wildlife Rescue to let them know you have found an orphan.
- **IF JOEY IS ATTACHED TO THE TEAT** Please phone for assistance before any intervention as removing the joey by force can permanently damage the roof of their mouth
- **WHEN REMOVING A BABY KANGAROO FROM A POUCH,** please have your pillowcase ready. Don't pull on its legs, these can easily dislocate. Grasping the joey's tail as close to their body as possible, pull gently while scooping the joey out of the pouch with your other hand supporting its back and rump. Hold furred joeys securely as they're often very wriggly. Stay calm, take your time and persevere. The joey can be held momentarily upside down as you place it into the pillowcase. Fold or twist the top of your pouch. Keep in a warm, dark and quiet place.
- If you suspect there is an **AT-FOOT JOEY** as well, you can confirm by looking in Mum's pouch for a large teat which, when squeezed, oozes milk. If she has two joeys, there will be two teats producing milk, one large and one small. Let the Wildlife Rescuer know.
- Please then **TRANSPORT JOEY IMMEDIATELY** to a carer or vet. Please **DO NOT** place kangaroo in the boot of your car or near another animals or allow children to play with it. Stress can cause death 24-48 hours after rescue If there is a joey standing beside or near the dead or injured Kangaroo, call Wildlife Rescue. Tie your ribbon to a tree/fence to ID area for joey and to show that you have checked pouch.

IF YOU ARE NOT CONFIDENT in doing this, there are options:

- **PHONE WILDLIFE RESCUE** to have someone step you through what to do
- If deceased take the mother with the joey in the pouch to a carer or vet
- Wait with the animal until a wildlife rescuer can arrive on the scene
- If you are unable to wait **TIE YOUR RIBBON** on it to a tree/fence, to identify area and inform location to Wildlife Rescue.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS (Please also any of your own regional numbers here)

Wildlife Rescue Contact: Wildlife Rescue Australia 24-hour call centre 1300 596 457

Police : 000 (Yes, you can phone for assistance)

Thank you for caring- learn more here www.kangaroosalive.org, www.kangaroorangers.com
www.WorldKangarooDay.org